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- 2 ACTING DEPUTY DIRECTOR VAN KEKERIX: I get to do
- 3 the emergency announcement. I've been practicing my Vanna
- 4 White pointing skills, so hopefully I'll do all right.
- 5 Everyone should look around now and identify two
- 6 exits that are closest to you. In some cases, those exits
- 7 will be in back of you. In the event of an alarm, we are
- 8 required to evacuate this room immediately. If that
- 9 happens, please take your valuables with you and staff
- 10 will attempt to assist you in finding the nearest exit.
- 11 But you should also know that you can just follow the exit
- 12 doors by the ceiling-mounted exit signs.
- 13 The evacuees will exit down the stairways and
- 14 possibly go to a relocation site across the street in
- 15 Cesar Chavez park. If you cannot use the stairs, you will
- 16 be directed to a protective vestibule inside a stairwell.
- 17 If you have to relocate out of the building, please obey
- 18 all the traffic signals and exercise caution when crossing
- 19 the street.
- 20 So hopefully we will not have any kind of
- 21 emergency evacuation and we can just get on with our
- 22 program for today.
- 23 I'd like to welcome you here, as well as all of
- 24 the people that are listening in on the web as this is a
- 25 live web telecast. If you have any questions and you're

1 out about on the web, you can e-mail us at tedwards -- so

- 2 that's tedwards@ciwmb.ca.gov. On the subject line just
- 3 type in C&D forum, and we will know that your message is
- 4 in regards to this forum. If we are not able to get to
- 5 your question during our question and answer sessions, we
- 6 will get back to you after this forum with a response.
- 7 Our agenda today is pretty full. We will have
- 8 two panels and a question and answer session at the end of
- 9 each panel with a short break between the panels. The
- 10 first panel will be on creating infrastructure for
- 11 diverting C&D materials, and the second panel will cover
- 12 markets for C&D materials.
- 13 Finally, back to more of the logistics. There
- 14 are rest rooms on this floor, out the doors at the back of
- 15 the room and to the left. And we're going to try to wrap
- 16 this up at 12:30 if possible since we have a Board meeting
- 17 starting at 1:30. If you need something to eat, there is
- 18 a snack bar downstairs. And you're welcome to go there
- 19 and get yourself something to eat.
- 20 Now I'd like to introduce our Board Chair of the
- 21 Sustainability and Market Development Committee, Gary
- 22 Petersen, who has a few words for you about C&D diversion.
- BOARD MEMBER PETERSEN: Thank you, Lorraine.
- Good morning, everybody.
- 25 First, I'd like to see some hands on who is

1 involved in the private sector side of C&D recycling in

- 2 the room. And from the cities and counties. Well, great.
- Well, first of all, I'd like to thank the
- 4 panelists for making the trip up here today and to make
- 5 the presentation on a subject that I have been involved
- 6 with for a long, long time, which I'll explain in a few
- 7 minutes.
- 8 And it looks like we have a great audience. You
- 9 guys are all enthusiastic about building materials, right
- 10 up and down. Implementing diversion programs that target
- 11 major material types is the most effective method for a
- 12 jurisdiction to meet its AB 939 goals. Construction and
- 13 demolition, or C&D, waste is a major material type that
- 14 can significantly impact jurisdictions' rates.
- 15 As many of you know, there is a lot of
- 16 development occurring in California these days, building
- 17 everywhere, generating a lot of C&D. One of the things
- 18 the Board has done to help address this issue is to
- 19 conduct a new waste characterization study that looks
- 20 specifically at wastes from construction and demolition
- 21 debris sources. The study gathered information on the
- 22 quantity and composition of C&D waste in major
- 23 metropolitan areas of the state, providing us with more
- 24 detailed information on this important waste stream than
- 25 ever before.

1 As a result of the study, we now have detailed

- 2 data for several different sectors, such as new
- 3 construction of both residential and non-residential
- 4 buildings, remodeling projects, roofing, and demolition
- 5 projects. The study revealed that up to 70 percent or
- 6 even more in the business -- though we can probably get
- 7 higher than that -- of the waste from those sources are
- 8 potentially recoverable and there is still a lot of
- 9 asphalt, concrete, wood, and other materials available for
- 10 recycling. The study will be discussed at the June Board
- 11 meeting, and reports on the study will be published at
- 12 that time.
- 13 Although many jurisdictions have adopted C&D
- 14 ordinances or policies to address this waste, it is clear
- 15 they must have adequate infrastructure in place to handle
- 16 the materials to realize any diversion. This will be a
- 17 key to the success of any jurisdiction's C&D program. For
- 18 even with ordinances in place, it may be ineffective or
- 19 not enforced in absence of adequate infrastructure. And
- 20 that's the topic of panel one today.
- 21 Also, while it's good to recycle these materials,
- 22 it's best to close the loop by purchasing back recycled
- 23 content products, and more specifically for this forum,
- 24 recycled content products generated from C&D waste.
- 25 Creation of markets for C&D materials will be the focus of

- 1 our second panel that will include a presentation by
- 2 recycling market development zone, RMDZ, staff on the
- 3 resources available to assist the creation of markets for
- 4 C&D materials.
- We are hosting this forum today because many
- 6 jurisdictions have asked about establishing infrastructure
- 7 and how to close the loop on this material through
- 8 purchasing and creation of markets. We also realize there
- 9 are many challenges to implementing diversion programs,
- 10 especially C&D programs. Our speakers today have a wealth
- 11 of information to share with you on these topics.
- 12 I will just share with you some of the history.
- 13 We were involved, my company, Ecolo-Haul Recycling, back
- 14 in the earlier '70s and into about 1970s, 1980s a project
- 15 in Santa Monica where we found that we had some extra room
- 16 in the city yards. And we were trying to figure out what
- 17 we were going to do with this extra room. And we talked
- 18 to a demolition company, Blue Diamond cement company, if
- 19 they'd be interested in working with us on recovering C&D
- 20 materials, mostly asphalt and cement from road beds. So
- 21 we brought it into the city yards. We ground it back up.
- 22 And the city of Santa Monica at the time had a huge
- 23 rebuilding project for roads within the city. And we
- 24 consistently brought in stuff from all over the city of
- 25 Los Angeles because we were surrounded at the time and

1 used that road base for the city of Santa Monica. So it

- 2 started early on when we got into this.
- 3 And then approximately we were working on --
- 4 called the greening of the white house in the '90s, early
- 5 '90s. Got us involved with a bunch of guys -- people from
- 6 all over the country to do this project. And what
- 7 happened was we decided -- and there was a couple of very
- 8 instrumental leaders coming out of this project of
- 9 greening the white house that started the U.S. Green
- 10 Building Council. And part of that was we were talking
- 11 about we're going to do the thing on energy efficiency and
- 12 the building envelopes. And I'm saying, hey, guys, we
- 13 have an opportunity bringing buildings down to recycle
- 14 this stuff and opportunity for construction and demolition
- 15 debris or construction debris when you're actually
- 16 building the building. And many of you know that LEEDS
- 17 now has criteria for doing this.
- 18 And some of the projects we worked on were really
- 19 fun. I mean, it's like Tim Allen and Home Improvement.
- 20 We did a project in L.A. which was originally the Hughes
- 21 Aircraft factory. We brought down 11 of the 22 buildings,
- 22 which it probably ended up where we have two huge piles of
- 23 construction and demolition debris on site. And the fun
- 24 thing was that there were seven miles of roads that were
- 25 designed into the project. And with the asphalt and the

1 stuff pulled out of the building, we were able to use that

- 2 for the road base for the entire project. And we got a 92
- 3 percent recycling rate.
- 4 So anyway, there's a bunch of projects we've done
- 5 along the years, NRDC and a bunch of them. I know what
- 6 the business is about and how it works. And it's a lot of
- 7 fun, because it's a new frontier. And we're also dealing
- 8 with one-third of the waste stream, which is a big part of
- 9 what we're doing.
- 10 The other impact that is more global -- I don't
- 11 know if anybody read USA Today or yesterday. There's a
- 12 whole series in here this week on climate change and
- 13 global impacts on what we're doing. This industry --
- 14 especially what we're doing in C&D has huge impacts on
- 15 global warming from all the resources that we can save and
- 16 not contribute to global warming gasses.
- 17 So I hope today that you find this very
- 18 interesting and gather a lot of information and we kick
- 19 C&D out in the forefront and make it happen in the
- 20 recycling world.
- 21 And I want to thank you for letting me open this
- 22 up today. And I'd like to turn this back over to
- 23 Lorraine. Thank you very much.
- 24 ACTING DEPUTY DIRECTOR VAN KEKERIX: Next we have
- 25 an opportunity to hear a little bit more about the Board's

1 newest characterization study. We're just getting the

- 2 pieces finalized, and we will be presenting the whole
- 3 study, all the parts at the June Board meeting. On Board
- 4 meeting day itself, not at the Committee meeting. But
- 5 Nancy Carr is going to tell you a little bit about the C&D
- 6 portion of the study.
- 7 MS. CARR: Well, as Gary mentioned, it's the
- 8 first time we've done a study specifically on waste from
- 9 C&D activity. So we're very excited about that. And what
- 10 better place to tell everybody about it than here today.
- 11 And I think Gary gave you a lot of information of the
- 12 detail that we're going to have on material types and
- 13 sources and amounts.
- 14 But what I wanted to let you know about today is
- 15 part of that study was looking at ways to characterize C&D
- 16 waste since it is different from typical MSW. So one of
- 17 the things we looked at as part of that study was to do a
- 18 visual method of how to characterize that waste because
- 19 it's so big and bulky it's hard to hand sort it. So we
- 20 used a visual method to do the statewide study, but we
- 21 also tested and developed a method specifically for local
- 22 government staff to use, for non-experts to be able to go
- 23 out and look at their own C&D loads to get more
- 24 information on what is happening in their own
- 25 jurisdictions, at their own local landfills, if you want

- 1 to look at that instead of having to depend on the
- 2 statewide study that we did.
- 3 So what we have today is a draft version of the
- 4 method report that we put together. This is the actual
- 5 method step by step that you could use to go out and look
- 6 at your own C&D loads. It has definitions of material
- 7 types and a little aid to help you, you know, kind of
- 8 calibrate yourself to look at loads visually to try to
- 9 determine the materials that are in it and the amount of
- 10 those materials.
- 11 So what I'm going to do is put some copies of
- 12 this on the back table, and feel free to take a copy if
- 13 you think you're going to go out and look at your own C&D
- 14 loads, which I highly recommend, to really see what's
- 15 going on at your local landfills. And this is still a
- 16 draft version. When it's finalized, we'll publish it on
- 17 the website on the publications page and we'll let you
- 18 know when it's final. It's pretty much almost final, so
- 19 you can sort of depend on this version now, but it's not
- 20 quite final.
- 21 I didn't bring a lot of copies. So if we run
- 22 out, I have a sign-up sheet to sign up and I'll get you a
- 23 copy. Or I'll put my business cards back there too if you
- 24 want to call me or e-mail me and let me know you'd like a
- 25 copy. This is available today, brand-new, so I hope you

- 1 take a look at it and go out and look at your loads.
- 2 Once you gather your data, you need to analyze it
- 3 to get an overview of what your loads look like. And part
- 4 of what we're doing with this tool is to develop an
- 5 automatic calculator so you can enter your own data. And
- 6 the calculator will spit out your overall composition data
- 7 for you. That's not quite finished yet. But when it is
- 8 done, we will have that up on our website for you also.
- 9 But this has an overview of how you can calculate your
- 10 data if you want to. And if you get confused about that,
- 11 call me up and I'll be happy to help. But that's because
- 12 it's not all that complicated. But that is another part
- 13 of this tool would be the automatic calculator that we'll
- 14 have on our website.
- 15 ACTING DEPUTY DIRECTOR VAN KEKERIX: Now I'd like
- 16 to pass the microphone over to the moderator of panel one,
- 17 Zane Poulson, who has been with the Board's Office of
- 18 Local Assistance for several years. And he's one of a few
- 19 staff within the Office of Local Assistance who currently
- 20 specializes in C&D outreach for local jurisdictions. And
- 21 Zane will go over more details on panel one and moderate
- 22 the panel for you.
- 23 MR. POULSON: Thank you, Lorraine. Our first
- 24 panel today will be sharing experience with infrastructure
- 25 needed to capture and recycle construction and demolition

- 1 waste. We know that developing the infrastructure is a
- 2 key element for the successful C&D recycling program. And
- 3 our panelists have agreed to share their expertise with
- 4 us.
- 5 I want to remind you if you'd like materials and
- 6 handouts related to today's forum, please place your name
- 7 and e-mail address on the sign-up sheet in the back of the
- 8 room. Also, please hold your questions until the Q and A
- 9 session following their presentation. For those of you
- 10 listening via our webcast who wish to participate in the Q
- 11 and A session, you can e-mail your questions to Terri
- 12 Edwards at tedwards.ciwmb.ca.gov with C&D forum in the
- 13 subject line.
- 14 Our first panelist is Charlie Ketcham.
- 15 Mr. Ketcham enlisted in the Navy in 1975, was an
- 16 operations specialist. In 1989, he started his solid
- 17 waste management career as Naval Amphibious Base
- 18 Coronado's first recycling manager. In 1998, Mr. Ketcham
- 19 was selected to the staff of Commander Navy Region
- 20 Southwest Integrated Solid Waste Management Program.
- 21 Mr. Ketcham is currently the construction and
- 22 demolition debris diversion manager for Navy Region
- 23 Southwest Integrated Solid Waste Management Program and
- 24 works out of Navy Base San Diego. His expertise includes
- 25 organizing the infrastructure that the Navy needed to

- 1 implement their C&D debris recycling policy. In 2005,
- 2 this program diverted in excess of 82 percent of all C&D
- 3 debris generated within the metro San Diego region by the
- 4 Navy and Marine Corps community. Mr. Ketcham is a member
- 5 of the Solid Waste Association of America. He currently
- 6 holds two certificates: One as a collection systems
- 7 manager and the other as a construction and demolition
- 8 manager.
- 9 Mr. Ketcham.
- 10 (Thereupon an overhead presentation was
- 11 presented as follows.)
- 12 MR. KETCHAM: Thank you. I'm not real familiar
- 13 with these types of panels. First, I'd like to thank Zane
- 14 and Maria and the rest of the Integrated Waste Management
- 15 Board for inviting me up here this morning to give you a
- 16 little perspective on how the military is addressing
- 17 construction and demolition debris issues.
- 18 I'd like to talk to you a little bit about the
- 19 region itself. Commander Navy Region Southwest is
- 20 headquartered out of San Diego, California. Our mission
- 21 is to provide support services to naval installations and
- 22 ships located throughout California, Arizona, and Nevada.
- 23 We currently have 15 major installations that are open, 65
- 24 plus ships home ported in southern California, well over a
- 25 dozen aircraft squadrons, and half a dozen helicopter

- 1 squadrons.
- 2 Personnel levels are currently in excess of
- 3 117,000 folks, military and civilian. So we have a
- 4 relatively large community to deal with. Some of those
- 5 installations are as far north as Fallon, Nevada. We
- 6 address CBC Port Hueneme Naval Air Weapons Station, China
- 7 Lake. We have four installations in the San Diego area.
- 8 So we're pretty well spread out.
- 9 The landfill that the military community uses in
- 10 San Diego is the Miramar Landfill. It is 800-plus acres
- 11 located on DOD property, Department of Defense property.
- 12 That area is leased to the City of San Diego. The City of
- 13 San Diego operates that landfill. And as part of that
- 14 lease agreement, the Navy and the Marine Corps community
- 15 were allowed free tipping. That sets up some pluses and
- 16 minuses which I'll get into in a minute which you can
- 17 imagine.
- 18 Miramar Landfill was initially scheduled to close
- 19 in 2005. Its projected life as of now is 2012. They just
- 20 opened the last cell at Miramar as it stands now. So we
- 21 have a finite closure date which is part of the reason
- 22 that this program that I operate came into existence.
- 23 Part of the extension the City of San Diego
- 24 directly credits to the military and the program we've
- 25 kept well over a million tons of potentially landfillable

- 1 material out of the landfill since this program started.
- 2 There may be hope for the landfill to stay open longer.
- 3 There is a process ongoing now to extend the elevation of
- 4 the landfill. I have personal opinions about how that
- 5 will come out, but it probably will happen in the end.
- 6 But we certainly can't count on that, so we continue to
- 7 work on the efforts that we are.
- 8 --000--
- 9 MR. KETCHAM: The reason that we developed this
- 10 program, essentially the City of San Diego came to us in
- 11 1988 or '89 -- us being the military community -- and had
- 12 figured out that they would never reach compliance with AB
- 13 939 as a city with the amount of material that the Navy
- 14 was landfilling at that time. So they came to us and
- 15 asked us to try to figure out a way to reduce the amount
- 16 of material that the military community was putting in the
- 17 landfill.
- 18 I'm going to focus today mostly on the City of
- 19 San Diego, partly because that's where I am all the time.
- 20 That's where I'm headquartered. And we have a unique
- 21 relationship there with the City that allows us to do the
- 22 program that I'm going to explain to you a little bit.
- One of the problems that we had or the challenges
- 24 that we had was that because the Navy and the Marine Corps
- 25 community was allowed free tipping, the mind frame was

1 simply load it up and load off and haul it off to the

- 2 landfill. We don't need to do anything else with it.
- 3 It's the cheapest way to get rid of it. And we don't need
- 4 to do anything else with it. That mind set was well
- 5 imbedded in everyone. And to change that mind set is a
- 6 challenge that unfortunately I still continue to deal with
- 7 with some folks, although over the last five years we have
- 8 been able to do that.
- 9 When the City came to the military, we developed
- 10 what was called at that point a nine point-plan. We sat
- 11 down amongst the military folks and tried to plan out how
- 12 we would be able to resolve this issue. That nine
- 13 point-plan then turned into an instruction which I'm going
- 14 to talk to you here about briefly.
- 15 --000--
- MR. KETCHAM: We established what's called a
- 17 Memorandum of Understanding, sort of the military term,
- 18 although it's used in many municipalities as well somewhat
- 19 with the City. And what we basically said in that
- 20 Memorandum of Understanding was that we did understand
- 21 what the issues were and that we had a plan in place now
- 22 to address those issues.
- One of the keys to that Memorandum of
- 24 Understanding that came out of the nine point-plan was
- 25 that we decided the only way that we would be able to

- 1 physically control what we did or did not enter the
- 2 landfill was to issue what we call landfill coupons. So
- 3 sort of the end result is -- I'm getting ahead of myself a
- 4 little bit. But the end result was today and over the
- 5 past five years, the Navy sends nothing to the landfill
- 6 that doesn't have what's called a landfill coupon with us.
- 7 There's a process for monitoring that.
- 8 We then developed a regional instruction -- of
- 9 course the military doesn't function at all without
- 10 instructions and guidelines. So we had to develop that
- 11 guideline. It's called Commandant Navy Region Southwest
- 12 Instruction 11350.1. The point I want to make to that is
- 13 that the instruction carries the same weight as an
- 14 ordinance would in the city. Once you get it to a written
- 15 document and instruction phase, you begin to have a little
- 16 bit of weight when you go in and talk to people and you
- 17 can put it down on the desk and say the admiral signed
- 18 this. This is law. This is not if you feel like doing
- 19 it. So that was a big step for us.
- 20 --00o--
- 21 MR. KETCHAM: There are four types of landfill
- 22 coupons that we issue. Landfill coupons are issued only
- 23 out of my office, and there are only about three folks,
- 24 myself and a few folks in my office, who are authorized to
- 25 sign those coupons. Mixed construction and demolition

1 debris coupons, that's for material that we don't have the

- 2 place to get rid of. General refuse coupons, that's the
- 3 normal solid waste refuse stuff that's generated. Clean
- 4 green coupons which are obviously clean green and clean
- 5 fill coupons. So we regulate what goes in and the
- 6 landfill tracks those four. I get a monthly report of
- 7 those by coupon type.
- 8 --000--
- 9 MR. KETCHAM: Let's talk about the instruction a
- 10 little bit. The instruction requires all work with
- 11 contractor and navel generators to submit either what's
- 12 called a Solid Waste Management Plan or an Opportunity
- 13 Assessment Form. We drawn the line at 500 tons at
- 14 perceived waste or generated waste as the line between
- 15 large projects and small projects. What we didn't want to
- 16 do was burden folks who have to go out and tear up a
- 17 sidewalk or that kind of thing would have to produce a
- 18 document -- an encompassing document called a Solid Waste
- 19 Management Plan. So we gave them a one-page form to do
- 20 which is an Opportunity Assessment Form.
- 21 --000--
- 22 MR. KETCHAM: On that plan or form, the project
- 23 form, and the contractor, whoever is involved, must
- 24 indicate the types and amounts of waste to be generated
- 25 and the proposed final disposition of those wastes. Plan

1 must indicate what and how much debris is expected to be

- 2 diverted and recycled and how much is expected to go to
- 3 the landfill. So at that point early on in the process
- 4 we're asking the project managers and the managers --
- 5 --000--
- 6 MR. KETCHAM: -- to actually stop whatever it is
- 7 they've been doing and take a look at what waste they're
- 8 going to generate. And not only what they're going to
- 9 generate, but what it is they're going to do with that
- 10 waste.
- 11 This is an actual cover sheet of a Solid Waste
- 12 Management Plan. This is actually a project that's going
- 13 on now. They're constructing a new main gate and entrance
- 14 at the naval area station in North Islands.
- 15 --000--
- MR. KETCHAM: This gets to be hard to read, and
- 17 I almost can't read it. I apologize for that. But things
- 18 that I wanted to point out in there are that this
- 19 particular project they have defined they're going to
- 20 generate 3,384 tons of waste and that 92.7 percent of that
- 21 waste they're going to divert away from the landfill. So
- 22 we have minimum requirements that we put on our
- 23 contractors. The Navy standard, what's called the measure
- 24 of merit, is a 40 percent diversion reduction. That
- 25 instruction also says or the State mandate, whichever is

1 higher. We ask all of our contractors to target a minimum

- 2 of 50 percent. But when I talk to them officially, I also
- 3 let them know that I know better. You know, 50 percent is
- 4 kind of the bear minimum. So this particular project is
- 5 very well done. These guys are R.E. Birch Company we've
- 6 been working on with a lot of these projects. I was very
- 7 happy to see this 92.7 percent diversion rate when it came
- 8 in.
- 9 --000--
- 10 MR. KETCHAM: Again, this is a little bit hard
- 11 to read and I apologize. But what I wanted to show us
- 12 here is their material breakdown. They've broken down all
- 13 the materials: Concrete, steel, wood, asphalt, soil,
- 14 masonry, clean green, et cetera, and indicated to me how
- 15 many tons they're going to divert away from the landfill.
- 16 So this is sort of the process. I apologize for it being
- 17 so small.
- 18 --000--
- 19 MR. KETCHAM: Once they have done this plan, it
- 20 is submitted to my office and reviewed by me. I'm looking
- 21 for their efforts in the recycling, reuse, diversion, and
- 22 landfill disposal as a last option. That plan is either
- 23 approved by me as submitted or I send it back to them with
- 24 comments if I see, you know, something that I don't like
- 25 there. I just got done reviewing one before I came up

1 here where 22 said they were going to send 1200 tons of

- 2 cardboard to the landfill. Well, not on my watch, as we
- 3 say in the military. So that went back for comments and
- 4 they came back and said, yeah, we didn't really mean that.
- 5 But I still find folks who kind of only -- sometimes I
- 6 feel like they're testing me to see if I really read them.
- 7 But that's okay. Not too many of them get by me. As well
- 8 as anything else, because my good buddies up at the
- 9 landfill, if a load of that happened to come in, would
- 10 take a nice digital picture of it and e-mail it to me and
- 11 say, "What are you doing?" And then I get to take that
- 12 back to the contractor and say, "What are you doing?" But
- 13 so the plans are reviewed and approved through my office.
- 14 --000--
- 15 MR. KETCHAM: Once they've been approved and the
- 16 construction office gives the notice to proceed, our
- 17 office will issue at the contractor's request through the
- 18 project manager, the Navy project manager, a request for
- 19 initial coupons. One of the ways that we found was best
- 20 to control the landfill coupons and make sure they weren't
- 21 being misused or abused was to only issue them for
- 22 30 days. So there is a start date. Thirty days later
- 23 those coupons expire. Okay.
- 24 The landfill counts all those as they come
- 25 through the gate. They send me a report. And the

1 contractor when he wants his second month's worth brings

- 2 me back the ones he didn't use. So that way I know
- 3 they're not out there being used for non-military waste
- 4 being disposed of at the landfill, which at one point was
- 5 a pretty big problem for us. So we went to that 30-day
- 6 program.
- 7 Once the project is underway, the military
- 8 project manager -- well, the project manager and myself
- 9 will make periodic checks to the site to ensure that that
- 10 diversion is occurring. It's one thing to tell me you're
- 11 going to do it. It's another thing to show me you're
- 12 doing it. So we do have a process in place for myself to
- 13 go out and make sure that's working.
- 14 Part of the instruction and part of the contracts
- 15 when they're let also requires the project to submit
- 16 monthly diversion reports. Again, that's a check for me
- 17 to know they are in fact doing what they said they are
- 18 going to do. And to be honest with you, that's the
- 19 biggest problem I have right now is drawing those reports
- 20 in. It's a paperwork drill that our contractors are not
- 21 familiar with doing and they consider it a burden. I
- 22 consider it something they need to do to continue their
- 23 project. So once in a while I go around and around with
- 24 them about that, but it's not really that big of an issue.
- 25 --000--

1 MR. KETCHAM: Does the program work? In the

- 2 year 2005, the Navy generated potentially 247,445 tons of
- 3 landfillable construction and demolition debris.
- 4 Utilizing this program, we were able to divert away from
- 5 the landfill in excess of 200,000 tons. The diversion
- 6 rate in excess of 82 percent. This in an area where
- 7 there's no mixed C&D recycling facility yet.
- 8 --000--
- 9 MR. KETCHAM: End uses for the diverted
- 10 materials. We have a very good relationship with the
- 11 landfill, and they are able to utilize a lot of the
- 12 materials that potentially could have been landfilled in
- 13 other ways such as their mill to asphalt projects that
- 14 generate milled asphalt. That asphalt is reused on a
- 15 project or sent to a landfill for temporary roads.
- 16 Eight-hundred acres is a lot of space. They lay that
- 17 material down as roads and were given credit as a
- 18 diversion on that because it's not going to the whole.
- 19 Asphalt normally ends up to local area recyclers.
- 20 There is an infrastructure in the San Diego County,
- 21 especially in the San Diego east county, where there are
- 22 concrete and asphalt recyclers. If you were to call
- 23 Miramar Landfill right now and ask them if they accept
- 24 concrete and asphalt for the whole, they will tell you
- 25 they do. And they do. They charge \$43 a ton for that.

1 My program will not allow my Navy or Marine contract to

- 2 put concrete or asphalt in the landfill. We banned it
- 3 from the landfill. It's sent to recyclers.
- 4 Concrete used on base normally is a base material
- 5 or sent to recyclers out in town, clean fill material, the
- 6 landfill accepts from us. And they use it there as ADC.
- 7 Again, doesn't count against us as going in the hole.
- 8 Greens go to the greenery at the landfill. They go
- 9 through their composting facility. We're allowed to draw
- 10 greens from the landfill whenever they want mulch or
- 11 compost material. Drywall cutting go to the greenery as
- 12 well.
- 13 One of the areas with the contractors that I face
- 14 some difficulty with, they're not yet real willing to
- 15 separate their drywall cutting -- their clean drywall
- 16 cutting from the rest of their waste, but we're working on
- 17 that one. Clean wood cutting go to the landfill. They
- 18 are ground up for wood chips. Again, don't go to the
- 19 hole.
- 20 And reuse materials that come out in the Navy and
- 21 San Diego working very hard on their Navy housing. There
- 22 are redevelopment projects for three or four Navy housing
- 23 areas in San Diego going on now. All of that material
- 24 gets reuse. Material is the stoves, the garage doors,
- 25 windows, refrigerators, all of the white goods, all those

1 kinds of things, as a mandatory rule or pull out. And

- 2 it's most of them end up down in Mexico. But the
- 3 contractors report all of that to me as diverted material.
- 4 --000--
- 5 MR. KETCHAM: This is just a graph that shows
- 6 you that in 1998 before this program was put into effect
- 7 the Navy was contributing well over 20 percent of all the
- 8 material that was buried at the Miramar Landfill. In
- 9 1999, when we instituted the program, we were able to drop
- 10 that down. And in the last year, we were about five and a
- 11 half percent of the 1.5 million tons of material that's
- 12 buried every year at the Miramar Landfill. City is very
- 13 happy with us.
- 14 --000--
- 15 MR. KETCHAM: In conclusion, this type of
- 16 program can work. I think I'm living proof of that. City
- 17 of San Diego, as most of you probably know, has developed
- 18 the C&D ordinance in part modeled by this program. We
- 19 worked with the City probably for a year or so in
- 20 development of their ordinance. If you don't know, they
- 21 are holding that ordinance until they open a mixed C&D
- 22 facility at Miramar. I won't tell you my personal views
- 23 of that. But we're waiting for that to happen.
- 24 If you're going to institute a program like this,
- 25 you must have the buy-in from all involved, whether that's

- 1 forced or voluntary. You must write it into your RFPs.
- 2 You have to start very early on in the process, or you're
- 3 doomed for failure in my opinion.
- 4 On site source separation is a must for this kind
- 5 of a program. Contractors will balk at that. And in some
- 6 limited instances, that may be a concern. My personal
- 7 opinion is that's an excuse.
- 8 Lastly, don't write it if you can't enforce it.
- 9 There are ordinances out there that are not enforced.
- 10 They don't have the manpower to enforce the ordinance.
- 11 And it becomes an ordinance like a lot of others. It's on
- 12 the books, and that's all it is. So if you're considering
- 13 a program like this or an ordinance like this, be ready to
- 14 back it up or you're wasting your time.
- 15 I appreciate you taking the time to listen to how
- 16 the Navy dealt with their program. We're proud of our
- 17 program. I'm sorry. I didn't have one last slide. Okay.
- 18 I'll be around. I have business cards. I'll be more than
- 19 happy to give you my information. I left it off of my
- 20 presentation, but I'll give you my e-mail and phone
- 21 numbers and be more than happy to talk with any of you.
- 22 Thank you.
- MR. POULSON: We just got an update from
- 24 cyberland. We have about 20 people listening to our
- 25 webcast, so we're very happy about that. And greatful

- 1 that people are using the webcast option.
- 2 Our second panelist is Dr. Wayne Williams. Dr
- 3 Williams is a Program Coordinator for solid waste planning
- 4 and recycling at the County of San Diego. He received his
- 5 doctorate in plant pathology from University of California
- 6 Davis. For 15 years, Dr. Williams worked in international
- 7 development in 19 different countries, primarily in Latin
- 8 America. During that time, he began working to improve
- 9 landfills, dumps, and recycling in Guatemala, Costa Rica,
- 10 El Salvador, Ukraine, Moldova, Uzbekistan. For the County
- 11 of San Diego, he helped develop a regional strategy for
- 12 developing construction and demolition ordinances. He set
- 13 up an infrastructure to handle the C&D and disaster waste
- 14 from the October 2003 fires in San Diego and is helping
- 15 finance a new C&D facility in the county. He is the
- 16 recipient of the National Sol Finestone Environmental
- 17 Award and the 2005 President's Volunteer Service Award.
- 18 Welcome, Dr. Williams.
- 19 (Thereupon an overhead presentation was
- 20 presented as follows.)
- 21 DR. WILLIAMS: Thank you, Zane. Thank you very
- 22 much for arranging the conference. Thank you, Maria, for
- 23 all of your help. It's my pleasure to be here today.
- 24 C&D, in January of 2002 in order to follow AB
- 25 939, the County Board of Supervisors for San Diego

1 directed the staff to come up with a plan to --

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- 3 DR. WILLIAMS: -- get us to 50 percent and
- 4 maintain that 50 percent. We looked at the waste stream
- 5 going in, and about a third of it was C&D materials and a
- 6 third is organics. So we've picked both of those as our
- 7 major topics for our program in the past four years. We
- 8 started on C&D. The first thing we did was to find that
- 9 the Integrated Waste Management Board had come up with a
- 10 model ordinance. And we checked with all of the -- we
- 11 came up with and checked with all the jurisdictions in the
- 12 state and chose all those as models to use to draft up our
- 13 C&D ordinance. And we wanted to do this in group for San
- 14 Diego County as a region. There are 18 jurisdictions.
- 15 So going to the San Diego Local Task Force -- San
- 16 Diego Association of Governments, we went to the Local
- 17 Task Force of which the County is a member and said let's
- 18 do this all together. Let's have one ordinance if we're
- 19 going to have an ordinance. Let's have one set of forms
- 20 the contractors can use so they're not confused. This
- 21 uniformity was the rule during this process. We want to
- 22 keep it simple so people wouldn't be confused and then we
- 23 wanted an ordinance that was accountable. Any contractors
- 24 or developers would have to have a waste management plan.
- 25 There had to be deposits -- deposits could be returned on

- 1 a pro rata basis based on how much was returned.
- 2 During this period, all the San Diego meetings of
- 3 the Technical Advisory Committee for this were open public
- 4 hearings. We had about ten of those public hearings. And
- 5 then several workshops were held with stakeholders to find
- 6 out what the needs of the stakeholders were. Instantly,
- 7 the argument came up, let's not have an ordinance. Let's
- 8 have a policy. Policy, so we analyze that. Okay. What
- 9 are the advantages and disadvantages of a policy versus an
- 10 ordinance?
- 11 The conclusions that this county staff at least
- 12 has come to were that -- as well as Allied Waste were that
- 13 an ordinance drives the technology. The policy drives
- 14 status quo. For example, the City of San Diego decided
- 15 they originally wanted a policy instead of an ordinance
- 16 and we talked with them vehemently -- not in a hateful
- 17 way, but a cooperative manner. It was an ordinance that
- 18 would drive the technology and ensure a policy would not.
- 19 One of the things an ordinance would drive is
- 20 the -- are the facilities which is an next part of this
- 21 presentation. Since San Diego didn't have any mixed C&D
- 22 facilities at that time, the arguments by the developer
- 23 community was that we shouldn't have an ordinance until we
- 24 have the facilities on line. And the other argument was,
- 25 well, we won't have the facilities unless we have the

- 1 ordinance. So it's chicken versus the egg.
- We're going forward with the ordinance aspect.
- 3 And now so is the City of San Diego. And about ten of the
- 4 jurisdictions in the county are going for ordinances as
- 5 well, either are considering them or have adopted them
- 6 with two or three cities going for a policy.
- 7 One of the things that happened in the region was
- 8 the City of San Diego decided to go ahead first on this
- 9 issue of developing an ordinance, and the City Council
- 10 directed the staff to get an ordinance drafted. One of
- 11 the things they didn't have, however, was the
- 12 administrative protocols within the city on how you would
- 13 deal with this.
- 14 We know from Stephen Bantillo his trials and
- 15 victories in how to do this. And so the County decided
- 16 that we would have the administrative protocols set before
- 17 we go to the Board of Supervisors. That's all done. We
- 18 have everything set. We know how to deal with the
- 19 deposits. We know how to deal with the enforcement. We
- 20 know how much staff we have to have and we're ready to go
- 21 so that when this ordinance goes before the Board of
- 22 Supervisors hopefully at the end of July or early August,
- 23 it keeps going back, but we will get there, any questions
- 24 that the Board of Supervisors might have about process or
- 25 protocol within the county itself will be taken care of.

1 At the same time we've also written a policy for

- 2 the county administration on how they should handle or we
- 3 should handle C&D issues because we realize it's not fair
- 4 to require developers and contractors to follow a C&D
- 5 ordinance if the county itself is not doing that because
- 6 we are a very large constructor of various projects.
- 7 So that's only taken us four years to get to the
- 8 point where we've now worked out all of the issues, and I
- 9 mean all of them. We have two things to do yet. And
- 10 we'll be ready to go forward for that to present that
- 11 ordinance to the County Board of Supervisors.
- 12 The next thing is the C&D facility itself. We
- 13 understand the concerns of the developers when they say
- 14 why should you force us to abide by a C&D ordinance when
- 15 there's no place to take this stuff. That's obvious.
- So we decided to use an international development
- 17 model for the county on matching funds. We had \$400,000
- 18 in our accounts which were earmarked for this kind of
- 19 activity. And we put up \$400,000 on an RFP open bidding
- 20 process saying that if we figured it would take in the
- 21 minimum \$1.2 million to build a mixed C&D facility in the
- 22 county, we'll put up 400,000 in seed money if you're the
- 23 winning bidder, the developer will put up two to one.
- 24 Well, so we put out the RFP. And we had a number
- 25 of criteria which were necessary in that RFF to get the

1 facility going. We had two bidders. And the winners of

- 2 the competition was Sanco which is a company of Edco, one
- 3 of the largest integrated waste management company in San
- 4 Diego County. And they're not putting up two to one.
- 5 They're putting up eight to one. And we're very happy we
- 6 forged a new partnership with Sanco and are eagerly
- 7 awaiting the opening of their plant. Their equipment is
- 8 ordered. It's state-of-the art. And they hope to put the
- 9 first bolt in their warehouse floor to nail the stuff down
- 10 by September. So we're looking forward to full funding.
- 11 So what are some of the criteria for offering
- 12 this \$400,000 of taxpayers' money to private industry to
- 13 get a C&D facility going? One is that we're going to put
- 14 a lien on your equipment until you recycle a certain
- 15 amount of material. We calculate on the basis of tipping
- 16 fees have to be around -- you have Edco is -- SANCO is
- 17 going to have to recycle about 19,000 tons. When that
- 18 happens, then we will take the lien off of their equipment
- 19 and they'll own it full blast. There has to be a
- 20 guarantee they're going to recycle about 100,000 tons a
- 21 year and put through their plant and that they'll have to
- 22 recycle at about 80 percent.
- 23 Another thing is that to act an as incentive we
- 24 are requiring SANCO to charge less for their tipping fees
- 25 than the equivalent would be in the landfill. So we will

1 monitor that. They have to submit monthly reports to us

- 2 until this is paid off. By the way, our funding for this
- 3 400,000 comes from franchise haulers fee that the county
- 4 charges \$2.35 a ton from our non-exclusive haulers.
- 5 So we're looking forward to this being built.
- 6 The permits are required of course. Both of the bidders
- 7 on this -- the other one was Allied, and they also
- 8 submitted an excellent proposal to us. Both of those
- 9 companies have most of the needed permits. So this was a
- 10 requirement that we put forth in our RFP. There are still
- 11 some ends to tie up in the CEQA requirements and with its
- 12 Regional Water Quality Control Board.
- 13 So what do they have to recycle, well, inerts?
- 14 But as was stated earlier by Mr. Ketcham, San Diego County
- 15 already has inerts recyclers. We have plenty of people
- 16 who can handle cement and asphalt. In fact, one of the
- 17 recyclers -- the market is so good, one of the recyclers
- 18 in the county doesn't even charge a tipping fee. And so
- 19 you can't say there's not a place for the vast majority of
- 20 your material to go already into San Diego County since
- 21 there are plenty of inert recyclers. But those other
- 22 things, the steel, the metal, the wood, glass, all this
- 23 other stuff the material is another story. And that's why
- 24 we have funded the C&D facility with Sanco.
- But they have to recycle at a minimum wood, metal

1 inerts, dirt, cardboard, and drywall. We would like them

- 2 to do plastics if possible, but that's going to depend on
- 3 their equipment. Also we require that the facility has to
- 4 be physically located in San Diego County and that they
- 5 must recycle at least in part some unincorporated county
- 6 materials.
- 7 We calculate that this plant when operated at
- 8 full boor of 100,000 tons a year is still only going to be
- 9 decreasing the unincorporated county materials by about
- 10 two percent, or 20,000 tons a year. 20,000 tons is one
- 11 percent of our waste stream.
- 12 So that was going all fine about two years ago
- 13 and then, wham, a fire broke out in San Diego County. And
- 14 I want to talk a little bit about that because handling
- 15 C&D during this massive fire we had was quite dramatic.
- 16 There it is. That fire roared in. It burnt one third of
- 17 the county. Those flames are 300 feet tall. The damage
- 18 was significant. Everything that we were doing stopped as
- 19 we were trying to deal with the anticipated debris of this
- 20 fire, not even counting wealth and welfare. We were going
- 21 to have a mess out there because of the huge amount of
- 22 acreage that was burnt, and the thousands of houses that
- 23 were incinerated. And so we devoted all of our time on
- 24 that for many months.
- 25 About 4,000 houses burnt down. Some of these are

1 million-dollar mansions, like this one in Rancho Santa Fe.

- 2 The smoke plume was enormous. This is a satellite photo
- 3 of southern California. Most of the smoke went out to
- 4 sea. I calculated a million tons of ash went out to sea.
- 5 At one time there were about five fires going: Some in
- 6 the Angeles/San Bernardino national forest and two huge
- 7 ones in San Diego County and some down in Mexico. So it
- 8 was a real conflagration.
- 9 My house was eight miles from the front at one
- 10 time. And there were hot coals coming down on my balcony
- 11 to the point we were afraid our apartment building was
- 12 going to burn down eight miles away. 392,000 acres burnt.
- 13 I visited personally about over a thousand of those
- 14 houses. We lost 16 people to the fire. About four
- 15 thousand vehicles burnt. There was a huge amount of
- 16 material that suddenly become available to us and we kept
- 17 thinking, no, this stuff is going to go in the landfill.
- 18 We're going to loose our diversion even if we -- and how
- 19 are we going to pay for this? We wanted to keep it on the
- 20 out of the landfill. We wanted to recycle it as much as
- 21 possible. First thing, we went to the county emergency
- 22 disaster plan and found there was no section in there for
- 23 dealing with solid waste. Incredible.
- 24 --000--
- DR. WILLIAMS: Here's a map of the fire. All the

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1 color dots showing day by day the progression as it

- 2 engulfed so many acres.
- 3 --000--
- 4 DR. WILLIAMS: The aftermath. This is the once
- 5 pristine Laguna Cuyamaca State Park in the Laguna
- 6 mountains. Most of that is coming back amazingly well.
- 7 Now spending about \$27 million on just repair of the
- 8 forests in the area and trying to take the fuel down so we
- 9 don't have a repeat of this.
- 10 --000--
- 11 DR. WILLIAMS: This is a site of Inland Pacific.
- 12 Inland Pacific at that time had I think about over 100,000
- 13 cubic yards of wood. All our equipment burned up,
- 14 everything. So there weren't -- our recycling, our
- 15 biomass recycling plant in the county burnt up. By the
- 16 way, they rebuilt that and it's operating better than
- 17 ever.
- 18 --000--
- DR. WILLIAMS: So what's the strategy? You're in
- 20 this disaster. People are dead. The county is completely
- 21 mobilized. There's no debris, solid debris management
- 22 plan. What are you going to do?
- 23 First decision, allow the private sector to
- 24 continue to operate. We wanted to get bins out there like
- 25 mad. People are flooding our established hotlines. Get

1 the temporary bins out there. Make them free. Try to

- 2 monitor those bins so that we can segregate them so that
- 3 we can do some recycling. The right-of-way issue was
- 4 important. FEMA wouldn't pay any money if a bin was on
- 5 private property. It had to all be on right-of-ways.
- One of the issues we couldn't get started for
- 7 about three weeks. The County couldn't make a decision
- 8 for three weeks on this issue because FEMA wasn't helping
- 9 us in a way that we could make any decisions looking at
- 10 money from FEMA coming in. Five million dollars were
- 11 immediately allotted to deal with that, but that was a
- 12 drop in the bucket.
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- 14 DR. WILLIAMS: So what are we looking at? We've
- 15 got all this debris. What's out there? Hazardous
- 16 materials. What about all these led batteries that burnt
- 17 up. What about all those solvents that burnt up? As it
- 18 turned out, we didn't have a problem with paint and
- 19 solvents and pesticides. They all incinerated.
- But as it turned out, one of the main
- 21 constituents of that debris was metal. Metal everywhere.
- 22 You'll see some soon. And then all the concrete masonry
- 23 and things like that. The ash became a concern to the LEA
- 24 because the ash was toxic. How are you going to deal with
- 25 ash? How are you going to dump ash into the bins? And

1 then if it's hazardous, where are you going to dump it?

- 2 Trees and brush actually were a minor constituency and
- 3 FEMA wouldn't pay for any of that.
- 4 --000--
- 5 DR. WILLIAMS: Here's a place in Crest. You see
- 6 metal. We see a chimney. I see hot water heater, stove,
- 7 appliances, cabinets. There's a bunch of ash and there's
- 8 a bunch of inert debris, but mainly it was metal that was
- 9 one of our targets. Let's get all the metal out of there.
- 10 If we put bins at random out, people were filling them up
- 11 almost immediately with metal first because that's what we
- 12 had to do to get down to the foundation.
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- 14 DR. WILLIAMS: Batteries, this is an old machine
- 15 shop that burned out. Batteries there. Hazmat
- 16 right-of-way. We tried to identify all those sites. It
- 17 was a huge job.
- 18 --000--
- DR. WILLIAMS: Cars. With the 4,000 cars
- 20 incinerated, the flames were so hot if you had an aluminum
- 21 block in your engine, it melted. If your wheels were made
- 22 out of aluminum, they flowed down the street. Just
- 23 cracked the asphalt all apart.
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- DR. WILLIAMS: Here's a hotel. What was left?

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- 1 Metal.
- 2 --000--
- 3 DR. WILLIAMS: This is how people in their own
- 4 home spontaneously would clean up. They would take metal
- 5 first and segregate that almost automatically. There was
- 6 a big education program on how to do that.
- 7 --000--
- 8 DR. WILLIAMS: Here's an outline of what we did.
- 9 We contracted with haulers and we divided the county up
- 10 into various zones, because it's the size of the state of
- 11 Connecticut. So there were various zones and various bids
- 12 went out based on distance from the landfills and
- 13 recycling operation.
- 14 Monitoring. We had to do the monitoring because
- 15 FEMA wouldn't pay us if we didn't monitor. That was one
- 16 of the glitches in this thing was that the monitoring
- 17 system fell apart.
- 18 --000--
- 19 DR. WILLIAMS: First of all, we had to have the
- 20 right for the property owner to enter the property. That
- 21 was a huge problem when you're dealing with 4,000 property
- 22 owners, many of them who didn't know where their property
- 23 lines were after the fire. All the fences were burnt
- 24 down. FEMA wouldn't pay for foundations, sidewalks,
- 25 driveways, and swimming pools. So we had to instruct

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1 people not to leave that as they cleared off the debris

- 2 first.
- 3 --000--
- 4 DR. WILLIAMS: Then came the private sector NGOs,
- 5 and they were fantastic, the Samaritan's Purse, the
- 6 religious groups, the whole series of churches. And San
- 7 Diego Gas and Electric did a great job of cleaning up.
- 8 Several recyclers, they lowered -- companies they lowered
- 9 their price so it wouldn't be such an economic burden on
- 10 people.
- 11 --000--
- 12 DR. WILLIAMS: San Diego Gas and Electric, one of
- 13 the things they wanted to do was to recycle their
- 14 telephone poles, thousands of telephone poles. I might be
- 15 wrong, but I figured 12,000 telephone poles. How are you
- 16 going to deal with 12,000 telephone poles tomorrow? They
- 17 segregated them very well because those things are dipped
- 18 in creosote, and there was hazmat. A lot of them were
- 19 landfilled.
- 20 --000--
- 21 DR. WILLIAMS: We had two phases. The first
- 22 phase was the recycling section. My section took charge
- 23 of it for the first month or so while we got a general
- 24 contractor, PBS&J, to handle the rest. So we phased it in
- 25 that way.

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- 2 DR. WILLIAMS: We set up two temporary C&D
- 3 facilities. And they did a very good job, one better than
- 4 the other, to handle all the cement and make sure that
- 5 that was all segregated out and recycled. 42,000 tons of
- 6 that went through those two recycling centers.
- 7 --000--
- 8 DR. WILLIAMS: We had these large community
- 9 drop-off bin sites. This is in Jullian.
- 10 --000--
- 11 DR. WILLIAMS: Here's a constituency of the
- 12 materials that we got. I'm hurrying through this because
- 13 it's fairly long so you can read it. Look at the amount
- 14 of metal. Still 57 percent was trash. Because we didn't
- 15 have the facility, we couldn't separate it out. If we
- 16 would have had our mixed C&D facility, we could have
- 17 handled this emergency in a much better way.
- 18 --000--
- 19 DR. WILLIAMS: Look at that very low recycling
- 20 rate there of 24 percent.
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- DR. WILLIAMS: Here are those two C&D facilities
- 23 we set up. They had a 92 percent recycling rate. So they
- 24 did very well.
- 25 --000--

DR. WILLIAMS: And overall we came up with a 58

- 2 percent recycling rate, which I don't think is too bad
- 3 considering this didn't even exist in our emergency plan
- 4 when we started.
- 5 --000--
- 6 DR. WILLIAMS: Compared to other big fire events
- 7 in California, we had differences. Less debris versus
- 8 compared to concrete. I think that is due to our
- 9 segregation of materials.
- 10 --000--
- 11 DR. WILLIAMS: Lessons learned, lots of them.
- 12 First of all, if you're going to work 80 hours a week,
- 13 have a plan. Every jurisdiction needs an Integrated Waste
- 14 Management -- Solid Waste Management Plan as an emergency
- 15 basis because the next emergency will come. Probability
- 16 is one. It will happen. If you're not prepared, you're
- 17 going to make a mess and lose a lot of money. FEMA won't
- 18 pay you back for your expenses and people will suffer
- 19 unduly.
- The last I like the best. No recycle, no pay.
- 21 You must have preexisting contracts with haulers that
- 22 insist that they recycle once this happens. If that
- 23 happens, then we can save our precious landfill space and
- 24 continue on in getting over these disasters.
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1 DR. WILLIAMS: Look at item two there. The
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- 2 private sector recycled significantly more than the public
- 3 sector did. In this case, I was responsible for the
- 4 public sector, so it was my fault. You've got to have
- 5 incentives to recycle.
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- 7 DR. WILLIAMS: That's it. Thank you.
- 8 MR. POULSON: Thank you, Dr. Williams.
- 9 Our next panelist is Stephen Bantillo.
- 10 Mr. Bantillo is the Commercial Solid Waste Program Manager
- 11 for the City of San Jose where he has worked since 1990.
- 12 He was responsible for implementing the city's yard waste
- 13 recycling program in 1991 and managed the curbside
- 14 recycling contracts until 1998.
- 15 Stephen was responsible for research and
- 16 development efforts on waste characterization, gate
- 17 surveys, economic modeling, and facility certification
- 18 procedures related to C&D and implemented the city's
- 19 construction/demolition diversion recycling program in
- 20 2001.
- 21 Stephen also spearheaded the city's C&D grants at
- 22 the onset of the C&D program. Stephen has served on the
- 23 Board of Directors of the Construction Materials Recycling
- 24 Association since 2001 and founded the California Resource
- 25 Recovery Association's Construction and Demolition Council

1 that same year. Stephen also served on San Jose Unified

- 2 School District's Board Oversight Committee for Measure F,
- 3 a \$429 million construction bonds where he also
- 4 contributed C&D recycling and green building information
- 5 for the school's construction projects. Recently
- 6 re-elected to the Board of Directors of the National
- 7 Recycling Coalition. Stephen served as Vice President
- 8 last year and is currently the Chair of the Policy
- 9 Committee. Welcome, Stephen.
- 10 (Thereupon an overhead presentation was
- 11 presented as follows.)
- 12 MR. BANTILLO: Thank you. Hello. It's good to
- 13 be here. Policy Committee: I wrote down Wayne's quote
- 14 about policy, establishing the status quo, enforcing the
- 15 status quo. Thank you.
- 16 I've got control over the clicker here. Uh-huh.
- 17 I don't have control. There we go.
- 18 --000--
- 19 MR. BANTILLO: About San Jose. It's big. There
- 20 are a lot of people there. There's a lot of homes and
- 21 buildings and businesses. And why is that relevant?
- 22 There is a lot of stuff. Gary was talking earlier about
- 23 the amount of construction and demolition materials out
- 24 there. A lot of renovation projects. A lot of new
- 25 construction projects. We're dealing with that type of

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1 material in a very large order, and it was important for

- 2 us to do something about it.
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- 4 MR. BANTILLO: So why C&D? We did a waste
- 5 characterization study in 1998 and we found that 31
- 6 percent, basically a third, of our waste stream was
- 7 construction and demolition material. In 1998, we did a
- 8 gate survey following that and found that 26 percent of
- 9 the material getting to the landfill was coming from the
- 10 self-haul community. So we consider the self-haul
- 11 community those folks Joe homeowner who is moving stuff
- 12 from his house. There are a lot of contractors out there
- 13 that aren't franchise haulers, but they have their own
- 14 hauling arm of their company because they find it's more
- 15 efficient for them to do it that way for scheduling as
- 16 well as cost.
- 17 We followed that up the next year with a gate
- 18 survey. We found that 50 percent of the construction and
- 19 demolition waste that was getting to the facility was
- 20 getting buried.
- 21 Part of what I'm going to be discussing today is
- 22 our seed program, construction/demolition and diversion
- 23 deposit, tying that to infrastructure, and looking at the
- 24 infrastructure that you have. And I know there have been
- 25 some challenges on infrastructure. I think that's what

- 1 most of us are dealing with, whether it's not having
- 2 enough facilities, having land use issues, trying to get
- 3 facilities permitted. But as you continue to look at your
- 4 programs or look at your waste stream, try to figure out
- 5 what you're beginning to do with the material, the
- 6 infrastructure is terribly important and a major influence
- 7 on decisions on how you design your program.
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- 9 MR. BANTILLO: And I don't have the slide here.
- 10 Self haul. I was talking about that earlier. The part
- 11 that we measure in San Jose is through our offices we have
- 12 residential contracts. We have franchise haulers. They
- 13 provide reports to us. Through the Disposal Reporting
- 14 System, we find there's a whole sludge of material out
- 15 there we are not tracking. But based on information we do
- 16 have, we can back out. We find the self-haul community in
- 17 that particular year generated 165,000 tons.
- 18 Now the reason why this is important to us is
- 19 because the self-haul community operates outside of San
- 20 Jose's incentive based programs. So we don't have any
- 21 mandates in San Jose. Our City Council is not supportive
- 22 of mandates or bans. At least they haven't been in
- 23 various attempts over the years. But all of our programs
- 24 are officially pay as you throw whether it's residential
- 25 or commercial. The more you generate, the more you pay.

- 1 The more you recycle, the less you pay.
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- 3 MR. BANTILLO: So in a nutshell, we have a
- 4 deposit program. We thought about doing coupons. In
- 5 fact, that was what the staff had cooked up earlier. And
- 6 unfortunately they were unable to make it work. There
- 7 were some fatal flaws in it. So leave it to the military
- 8 to pull it off. They have weapons. We're armed with
- 9 vests and flashlights. So they can get compliance that
- 10 way. But essentially somebody pays a deposit. They take
- 11 the material to a certified facility and then they send
- 12 their information back to the city and we refund their
- 13 money, all of it hopefully.
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- 15 MR. BANTILLO: The deposit amounts, very similar
- 16 to what Lorraine was explaining earlier. There are three
- 17 main categories. You have new construction, remodeling,
- 18 and demolition. There are lots of sub-categories that
- 19 you'll find under there as you begin to delve into your
- 20 programs. But essentially, these are the three main nuts
- 21 to crack. And you can see that the rates that we charge
- 22 on our deposits came out of our economic modeling where we
- 23 found out that it costs a lot more to recycle materials
- 24 that are coming out of a small or residential alteration.
- 25 You have bathrooms, kitchen remodels with small loads and

1 really mixed amount of materials, versus on the demolition

- 2 side or new construction side you have a lot of materials
- 3 that have already been segregated in much larger loads.
- 4 The economies of scale come into play. So it's much
- 5 higher on a residential alteration than any other deposit
- 6 amounts.
- 7 And we also have roofing. In a flat rate of
- 8 \$100, the independent roofing contractors of California
- 9 really helped us push that through because it would have
- 10 been included under our residential alteration. So if you
- 11 have a 2,000-square foot home, you're looking at \$2,000
- 12 plus deposit. We know that the roofing operates on a very
- 13 thin margin. Talking with our planning folks and permit
- 14 center they said you're going to chase these guys away
- 15 from the permit center, and they'll be doing roofing
- 16 illegally. So we came up with a thousand dollar flat rate
- 17 on that. That's only four tear offs. When somebody is
- 18 laying on a fresh new layer and not taking anything off,
- 19 we don't charge a deposit on it.
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- 21 MR. BANTILLO: So deposit -- lots of numbers up
- 22 here. We do about 7,000 a year. Projects that the permit
- 23 center does roughly I think 13,000 or more permits that
- 24 they issue every year, but deposits are paid on roughly
- 25 7,000. So again, large order of magnitude here.

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1 We found it very problematic in trying to
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- 2 evaluate whether we would do solid waste plans that would
- 3 take a tremendous amount of people. We thought to review
- 4 all those plans with that many permits we thought plain
- 5 and simple we'll just do a straight deposit, look in the
- 6 information when it comes in the end. We had to find a
- 7 way to allow those 7,000 permitees to easily recycle their
- 8 material. We knew we weren't going to change them into
- 9 recyclers overnight when moving down the list \$4 million
- 10 in deposits on an annual basis and a million dollars in
- 11 refunds. It's not because people aren't recycling.
- 12 They're just not asking for their money back. So this is
- 13 a problem for us. I guess it's a good problem.
- 14 There's a balance somewhere around \$11 million
- 15 sitting in the fund. So we're earning interest on it.
- 16 That's nice. But we really need to get the money back to
- 17 people, and we're going to be working with a consultant to
- 18 do some programming within the system that will allow us
- 19 to extract who hasn't gotten their money back and start
- 20 sending letters to people. That requires staffing we
- 21 don't have yet. The city manager's office did approve a
- 22 position for us. We're waiting for the Council to approve
- 23 the budget next month and hopefully we get a person in
- 24 place to manage the program on a daily basis.
- 25 A million square feet every year on average is

- 1 what's been going through our program that we've been
- 2 assessing deposits on, and roughly one billion dollars in
- 3 evaluation on the projects. This past year we had a
- 4 really large project come through that was I forgot how
- 5 many acres. But it was roughly 220,000 tons of debris
- 6 that this particular project brought in. It was the old
- 7 GE facility. And somebody completely demoed it. Right
- 8 now it's sitting up there as bare dirt with some piles of
- 9 crushed concrete.
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- 11 MR. BANTILLO: Mentioning roofing, because that's
- 12 one of the areas that we need to focus on. At least I
- 13 think based on the data that we've been getting. And
- 14 again, Lorraine, the waste characterization study
- 15 identifies that there's lots of potential for recovering
- 16 roofing. Unfortunately, we're not getting the recovery
- 17 level that we'd like.
- 18 If you look on the chart here, you can see it
- 19 split, deposits with roofing and deposits without roofing.
- 20 If we decided not to charge deposits on roofing, it would
- 21 cut our workload in processing requests almost in half.
- 22 From an administrative perspective, it sounds like a good
- 23 deal, and we're seriously considering dropping roofing out
- 24 because what we're finding is that the roofing industry
- 25 doesn't travel far and wide looking for a place to process

1 or bury their shingles. You know, they're all about

- 2 roofing. They're not about recycling generally. They're
- 3 not about disposal. They're just about roofs and they
- 4 have ways they have to get rid of it. We're finding that
- 5 probably 99 percent of all the roofing jobs in San Jose,
- 6 the materials from those jobs stay in San Jose and they're
- 7 going to one of our certified facilities. So it's already
- 8 getting recycled. So we're asking the question does it
- 9 make sense for us to continue a deposit on roofing.
- 10 --000--
- 11 MR. BANTILLO: Mentioned money earlier. What are
- 12 you going to do with the money? If you look down at Item
- 13 D, if you can read that, we did write into our municipal
- 14 code that any moneys generated from the program can really
- 15 only be used for supporting the program whether it's
- 16 staffing, whether it's other recycling efforts, program
- 17 efforts, and in this case here developer improves the
- 18 infrastructure. We were thinking infrastructure all
- 19 along. We did do some grants which come up in the slide
- 20 here.
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- MR. BANTILLO: At the very beginning of the
- 23 program, this is before we started taking deposits and had
- 24 any money to give away, we had roughly three quarters of a
- 25 million dollars for the first two years that we had

1 offered up to the landfill and processing community and

- 2 there were individuals who had some cool ideas on how they
- 3 would divert more C&D from the landfills.
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- 5 MR. BANTILLO: They were spread out pretty
- 6 broadly, but the ones that we awarded focused on where we
- 7 were going to get the biggest bang for our buck and also
- 8 on mixed C&D. Because again based on our waste
- 9 characterization study and the gate surveys, a lot of that
- 10 material that wasn't getting recycled wasn't mixed C&D.
- 11 So we wanted to focus on implementing some kind of
- 12 programs at their facilities to capture mixed C&D and
- 13 hopefully divert it. We did have some challenges with
- 14 some of the awards that we gave out.
- 15 Unfortunately, the challenges were related to
- 16 permits that the facilities weren't able to get the
- 17 permits approved to do what they had proposed for us. And
- 18 again, some of that raises the issue of related to land
- 19 use. There were some really good proposals, and
- 20 unfortunately the other arm or another arm in the city
- 21 wasn't on board with what we had hoped to do and wouldn't
- 22 approve of the permits.
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- 24 MR. BANTILLO: Certified facilities. Now, we
- 25 were looking at the infrastructure that we had in place as

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- 1 we were starting our program, and it wasn't quite the
- 2 infrastructure that we needed or wanted. So we tried to
- 3 find ways to convert these facilities and get them to do
- 4 more recycling. And that was where the certification
- 5 process came into play. It was basically if somebody
- 6 wants to get their money back from their deposit, they can
- 7 take it to a certified facility, taking the recycling
- 8 requirement off the generator and putting it onto the
- 9 processor or the landfill.
- 10 You can see we have a number of inert facilities
- 11 there at the top, the dirt, rock, concrete, asphalt, and
- 12 metals. Those have been in place for many, many years.
- 13 We didn't have to do much to certify them other than stand
- 14 there, kind of hold up a thumb and say wow, look at all
- 15 that stuff moving in and moving out. It was a little bit
- 16 more formal process than that, but you can see we didn't
- 17 really need to do much work to certify them. It was more
- 18 of a formality. We want to get them on our list of
- 19 certified facilities so the people who were doing the work
- 20 now they could take the materials.
- 21 Five landfills. There are five landfills in San
- 22 Jose, and they're handling the bulk of the mixed C&D
- 23 that's coming from the various projects. We have reuse
- 24 salvage that's not located in San Jose. We have another
- 25 wood facility not located in San Jose. We have two carpet

1 facilities. One of them disappeared. It was sort of

- 2 wiped off the property it was located on because the
- 3 landfill was located at a facility and the landfill
- 4 decided it wanted a different operation. They had an
- 5 agreement with an individual to come in and process carpet
- 6 and they were doing approximately 10,000 tons a year of
- 7 carpet. And unfortunately, there was a different business
- 8 decision made by the landfill owner. They moved offices
- 9 from another location for economic reasons and in
- 10 consolidation within their company and decided they didn't
- 11 need to have a carpet processing facility or operation at
- 12 their landfill.
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- 14 MR. BANTILLO: Certification. Again, this is the
- 15 readers digest version on the certification. There are
- 16 some very basic requirements. An application for
- 17 certification, I'll show you what that looks like. Again,
- 18 it's very simple. What we want to do is get an idea of
- 19 what's going to be happening at a facility.
- 20 --000--
- 21 MR. BANTILLO: They need to tell you who the
- 22 responsible parties are. They need to tell us what kinds
- 23 of material they've been accepting. They need to tell us
- 24 what kind of materials they plan to accept and what are
- 25 they planning on doing with the materials themselves. And

1 you can't read that probably. At least I can't with my

- 2 glasses. But we want the contract information. We want
- 3 some history on the performance of the facility.
- 4 --000--
- 5 MR. BANTILLO: Some basic requirements of the
- 6 facility operators. First and foremost is they need to be
- 7 able to provide receipts to all of their customers who say
- 8 I have a seed load. Here is my permit number. They're
- 9 required to put the permit number on the receipt. They
- 10 need to provide weights or volumes, the types of material.
- 11 And hopefully if there is a contract or some company that
- 12 called them there. We get that information as well so
- 13 we're able to have a pretty good idea of what's moving
- 14 material around the city and other data as desired. We
- 15 haven't done anything with that yet. We are going to when
- 16 we get the program filled be able to do a lot more
- 17 analysis on it and be able to start fine-tuning things.
- 18 --000--
- 19 MR. BANTILLO: As far as fine-tuning things,
- 20 there's reporting requirements. This is the generic
- 21 version. This is what we would look at for each and every
- 22 category of materials. So we'd have this for concrete.
- 23 We have it for asphalt, cardboard, metals, a whole slew of
- 24 things. Mixed C&D as well in particular.
- One of the things that in our program that we

- 1 don't give credit for anymore, we've phased it out, is
- 2 alternative daily cover. Those facilities that had been
- 3 using alternative daily cover had to wean themselves off
- 4 of it. Or I guess if you're going solely on the numbers
- 5 you see that some of the facilities have I guess boosted
- 6 their diversion rate by taking in some more of the heavies
- 7 to offset what they're doing on alternative daily covers.
- 8 The facilities are very good at managing what comes in and
- 9 what goes out and what they do with it at the location.
- 10 --000--
- 11 MR. BANTILLO: There's several of the materials
- 12 located at the bottom. Next to one of the red arrows I
- 13 think you see C&D. That is by far the largest slew of the
- 14 materials we're getting at these five landfills. That was
- 15 500,000 tons a year. And unfortunately the diversion rate
- 16 I think says 56 percent. We'd like it to be a lot higher.
- 17 Again, that's very challenging.
- 18 Again, I talked about the mixed C&D loads
- 19 earlier. The facilities probably could do better. We're
- 20 hoping that as we get someone to manage the program and
- 21 start working out what money is available that we're going
- 22 to do some more grants and target some of these materials
- 23 that aren't getting recycled at the levels we'd like them
- 24 to. One of the things we're finding with shingles is that
- 25 a lot of them are being used for alternative daily cover.

1 The wood ones are being sent off to waste to energy for

- 2 whatever PTU value is left in them. But primarily the
- 3 shingles unfortunately are being used as ADC.
- 4 --000--
- 5 MR. BANTILLO: You can see that some of the other
- 6 materials up there have close to 100 percent recovery.
- 7 We're not really concerned about that. But surprisingly,
- 8 I thought that the concrete was going to be one of the
- 9 highest tonnage materials that we're getting. But what
- 10 you don't see is that the concrete and the asphalt and the
- 11 metals are primarily going to those facilities that have
- 12 been long established in San Jose. The numbers that don't
- 13 show, you're seeing 1.5 million tons a year going for
- 14 these facilities. What you're not seeing is the over two
- 15 million tons a year that are going through all these other
- 16 inert facilities that I've said have been long standing in
- 17 the community.
- 18 So the questions that you came up with or that I
- 19 come up with in trying to figure out where we go next in
- 20 development of the program is looking at the
- 21 infrastructure that we have in place what are the kinds of
- 22 things we can do to change that infrastructure.
- 23 And again what we're finding in San Jose based on
- 24 some policy direction as well practice is financial
- 25 incentives. The landfills also have financial incentives

1 as well as the haulers and generators because there's \$13

- 2 per ton disposal facility tax. So at the landfills you'll
- 3 find they do as much recycling as they can anyway.
- 4 One of the things that we're finding somewhat
- 5 problematic is that the landfills -- some of them are
- 6 using large amounts of concrete as beneficial use. And
- 7 it's unfortunate when you start looking at it in the
- 8 Disposal Reporting System because it's a beneficial use,
- 9 but it's a one-time beneficial use. There are markets in
- 10 place that could easily accept that material, move it back
- 11 into the mainstream, into loads and parking lots and
- 12 things like that. So that's a challenge for us and trying
- 13 to find a way to influence it.
- But in closing, again, we came up with our
- 15 program looking at the types of materials that were
- 16 getting buried in the landfill, focused on what
- 17 infrastructure we had in place and what we could do to
- 18 influence that infrastructure. And the key component of
- 19 what drives this program is the facility certification.
- 20 We're finding that people that don't pull permits within
- 21 the city, those materials by and large are staying within
- 22 San Jose and getting to the facilities and getting
- 23 recycled anyway. Thank you.
- 24 --000--
- MR. POULSON: Thank you, Stephen.

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Our final panelist is Gary Van Dorst. Mr. Van
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- 2 Dorst is a Solid Waste Manager for the City of Redlands.
- 3 He attended U.C. Berkeley and University of Pacific and
- 4 holds a Bachelor's degree in philosophy and a secondary
- 5 teaching credential in English.
- 6 He has been with the City for five years as a
- 7 Solid Waste Manager. Mr. Van Dorst manages a full service
- 8 municipal operation providing all commercial and
- 9 residential collection with this a city of 70,000 people,
- 10 including operations of the California Street Landfill.
- 11 Gary Van Dorst is a former Solid Waste Superintendent for
- 12 the City of Sacramento and Executive Director and founding
- 13 staff member of the Sacramento Conservation Corps.
- 14 Welcome, Mr. Van Dorst.
- 15 (Thereupon an overhead presentation was
- 16 presented as follows.)
- 17 MR. VAN DORST: Good morning, everyone. All
- 18 waste is lost profit, a concept that many in our line
- 19 accept as a truism. And yet despite the seeming
- 20 incontrovertability of the statement, I've come to the
- 21 conclusion after 17 years both here with the city of
- 22 Sacramento and with the city of Redlands that most
- 23 contractors and commercial waste generators don't get it.
- 24 There are a number of reasons for this. They
- 25 range from our inability to truly incentivize the person

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1 that makes waste disposal and recycling decisions to the

- 2 difficulty many people have changing the way they've
- 3 always done business. Nonetheless, it is this fact or
- 4 condition that has required us to become regulators.
- 5 You're all used to that more than we are I think, those of
- 6 you that work for the State.
- 7 But in any event, it's required us to adopt
- 8 ordinances and to require recycling as a condition of the
- 9 development in the absence of voluntary compliance.
- 10 Politically, there's always some risk when we regulate
- 11 development. For our part, we appeal to our City
- 12 Council's sense of environmental stewardship and the need
- 13 to address waste issues at the front end of development.
- 14 So with that introduction, I'd like to talk a
- 15 little bit about City of Redlands recycling ordinance.
- 16 City of Redlands City Council adopted its ordinance in the
- 17 spring of 2003. So our ordinance has been in place now
- 18 for about three years. I probably have about I would
- 19 guess around 275 permits covered under that ordinance.
- 20 Some of those permits cover subdivisions with as many as
- 21 100 houses. So that doesn't sound like a lot, but it
- 22 covers a lot of development.
- 23 There are two parts to our ordinance. The first
- 24 part pertains to the recycling of the construction debris.
- 25 Demolition permits and building permits are not issued

1 until the recycling plan is submitted for our approval.

- 2 And that's the approval of solid waste staff. That's an
- 3 important point I want to make.
- 4 The second part of the ordinance pertains to
- 5 post-occupancy. That is to say building permits similarly
- 6 are not issued until a recycling plan for recycling
- 7 post-occupancy is submitted and approved. Elements of the
- 8 plan include the materials that are targeted for
- 9 recycling, the flow of materials through the facility, as
- 10 a precaution for removing architectural barriers to
- 11 recycling. And there's a whole section related to an
- 12 education plan for tenants and employees including but not
- 13 limited to things like signage. In effect, our recycling
- 14 ordinance conditions properties through the building
- 15 permit process to require recycling following occupancy.
- 16 So how does that work? A new tenant calls our
- 17 office to start commercial collection. Because it is a
- 18 new facility or facility subject to recent tenant
- 19 improvements, our customer service representatives know
- 20 that the facility is required to have an approved
- 21 recycling plan. So when and if the property manager
- 22 objects to subscribing to our recycling service, fat
- 23 chance. They're informed recycling is a condition of the
- 24 development. And in effect, they're told it is required
- 25 under ordinance. And in some cases we simply go to the

1 file. We make a copy of the recycling plan provided. And

- 2 we have our recycling coordinator follow up.
- 3 The City's imposition of a recycling plan tied to
- 4 issuance of the permit is friendly, easy, and convenient.
- 5 Compact discs like these -- I've got some here for you if
- 6 you'd like -- are available on public counters both in
- 7 building and safety and in the utilities department where
- 8 I work. And the information is also available on our
- 9 website.
- 10 More often than not, contractors and developers
- 11 are invited to my desk or one of the engineer's desk where
- 12 we write the plan in their presence. It only takes a few
- 13 minutes. It's an opportunity for us to talk to them about
- 14 things like LEED, about CalMAX, about the RecycleStore,
- 15 about the local reuse store that's operated by Habitat for
- 16 Humanity. So it's a process that's often educational and
- 17 easy for developers to comply with at the front end.
- 18 Many contractors and developers have commented
- 19 that our permit requirements related to recycling are the
- 20 easiest permit requirements to comply with when compared
- 21 with other permit requirements at the city. So we
- 22 actually get some good markets in that respect. So we
- 23 make it easy and convenient for them at least at the front
- 24 end. And we emphasize this approach to doing business
- 25 when we presented our ordinance to the City Council for

- 1 adoption.
- 2 And finally, contractors and developers are
- 3 required to submit documentation of compliance which is
- 4 then tied to the issuance of their Certificate of
- 5 Occupancy. That's a pretty good hammer to have in our
- 6 business. Because in our Certificate of Occupancy is held
- 7 up on a large facility, that can cost you thousands of
- 8 dollars a day.
- 9 So in any event, I've brought a number of copies
- 10 of the disc and please see me afterwards if you'd like
- 11 that. It includes a copy of the counsel report, the
- 12 ordinance. It includes the blank forms, and it includes
- 13 model recycling plans, local recycling director, all the
- 14 information that people have if they want to attack this
- 15 on their own as opposed to sitting at my desk or one of
- 16 the engineer's desks for a few minutes.
- 17 I think I'd like to talk a little bit at this
- 18 point about what works and doesn't work. First of all,
- 19 the large majority of our developers and contractors
- 20 substantially comply with the construction requirements.
- 21 A small portion partially comply. And a very small
- 22 minority fail to comply at all or substantially
- 23 non-compliance.
- 24 Second, the City's recycling ordinance is unique
- 25 to the extent that it conditions property post-occupancy.

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- 1 That is something that is at least as important if not
- 2 more important than just targeting construction debris.
- 3 Remember, most development is for all intents and purposes
- 4 for in perpetuity. And an ordinance that requires
- 5 recycling from future tenants quickly exceeds the waste
- 6 targeted by an ordinance that only addresses construction
- 7 and demolition debris. So I think that's something unique
- 8 about our ordinance.
- 9 And third, the City regards its recycling
- 10 ordinance however imperfect as its best tool for expanding
- 11 its construction and commercial recycling opportunities.
- 12 So what does work? How do you deal with people
- 13 that don't comply? Siting someone for a violation of the
- 14 Municipal Code after they've landfilled recyclable C&D
- 15 waste isn't very productive, and holding up their
- 16 Certificate of Occupancy indefinitely doesn't make sense
- 17 either. So on that basis I have some recommendations for
- 18 those of you who plan to develop or design our own
- 19 ordinances.
- 20 First of all, I recommend that you do include
- 21 post-occupancy requirements. Remember, most developments
- 22 for in perpetuity mean they are there forever. That means
- 23 post occupancy requirements result in more waste diversion
- 24 than C&D requirements in and of themselves.
- 25 Second, it's very important to consider one's

1 intra-departmental relationships when you design your

- 2 ordinance. In general, I recommend that you reserve as
- 3 much authority as possible for yourself, that the
- 4 ordinances be drafted to insert your organization into the
- 5 administration of the ordinance as much as possible.
- 6 Remember, your greatest challenges are likely to
- 7 come from within. They are likely to come from other city
- 8 departments, legal counsel, building and safety officials.
- 9 And community and planning development departments are not
- 10 interested parties in your endeavor.
- 11 Third, I recommend that you include deposits that
- 12 are refundable based on the level of compliance. We've
- 13 heard a good example here today, and that's something
- 14 we're probably going to go back and do. I'm in
- 15 discussions with our city manager and City Council or city
- 16 attorney at this time. We didn't initially because of
- 17 opposition. But we think we're going to go back and do
- 18 that. I think there's support for doing it despite some
- 19 initial concern on the part of our legal counsel that such
- 20 fees may be illegal. Remember, don't call them fees.
- 21 Because if they're a fee, they're subject to Prop. 218,
- 22 and that means they have to be cost based. We're going to
- 23 call them an incentive and disincentive. We'll see.
- And fourth, not withstanding number three, be
- 25 practical. It is our bane as public servants that all of

1 our authority comes from our respective City Councils and

- 2 Boards of Supervisors and that developer interests are far
- 3 reaching. And I would like to suggest an imperfect
- 4 ordinance is better than none. By the same token, the
- 5 best solid waste projects are always a matter of political
- 6 will. And I think it's our responsibility in this context
- 7 to be cogent and effective salesmen for good ordinances.
- 8 So in conclusion, if you don't have an ordinance,
- 9 I encourage you to develop one. Exercise leadership, and
- 10 take risk. Because that's what it takes. And that
- 11 concludes my presentation. I have copies here of my CD.
- 12 And I want to thank the Waste Board for inviting me to be
- 13 here. Thank you.
- 14 MR. POULSON: We'd like to thank all of our
- 15 panelists for panel one. We'll take some questions now.
- 16 We are running a little bit behind, so we'll probably cut
- 17 down our Q&A session quite a bit, just a few questions.
- 18 And then our break we'll cut down also to 10 minutes
- 19 instead of 15. So if you have to go to the bathroom,
- 20 hurry fast.
- 21 Please raise your hand if you have a question.
- 22 We have a couple of mike runners that will be bringing
- 23 mikes around. Please be courteous to those listening via
- 24 webcast so we can hear questions as well. Those people
- 25 that are on the web can send their questions. They need

1 to e-mail them to Terri Edwards at ciwmw.ca.gov and use

- 2 C&D in the subject line. So we'll go ahead and send our
- 3 questions around now.
- 4 COMMITTEE MEMBER WIGGINS: Thank you. I'm Pat
- 5 Wiggins, Board member of the Waste Management Board. And
- 6 so this is a question for Mr. Van Dorst. You mentioned --
- 7 and I didn't catch it all about the post something.
- 8 MR. VAN DORST: Post-occupancy. In effect, we
- 9 use the building permit process to do two things: Not
- 10 only to require recycling of construction debris which is
- 11 ultimately tied to issuing the Certificate of Occupancy
- 12 which is a good hammer to have. It in effect conditions
- 13 the property which is occupied. So that part of the
- 14 recycling plan -- if it were an office, for example, it's
- 15 specific as requiring desk side recycling containers. It
- 16 follows the flow of material through the facility. It
- 17 describes what materials will be targeted, which in our
- 18 city we require the same materials that are targeted in
- 19 our single stream recycling programs. And so in effect
- 20 when that person calls in to start their service -- and in
- 21 fact if it's a large project and it was covered under a
- 22 city conditional use permit, our computer flags it. So
- 23 when the customer rep calls up that address, there's this
- 24 big flag that says recycling plant.
- 25 And even if that flag isn't there because it

1 wasn't covered under its CUP, or conditional use permit,

- 2 the customer reps know from experience from our working
- 3 with them that if it's a new project, if it's within the
- 4 last three years, if it's a tenant improvement, it has a
- 5 recycling plan or it couldn't have gotten the permit. So
- 6 at this point we then require the recycling. So we think
- 7 that's what one of the things that makes our ordinance
- 8 unique.
- 9 COMMITTEE MEMBER WIGGINS: Thank you.
- 10 Now I have a question for Mr. Bantillo. When you
- 11 talked about the deposits, I'm not sure if I follow what
- 12 the goal of the deposits and how their refunds work.
- 13 MR. BANTILLO: The goal of the deposit is to give
- 14 a financial incentive to the person who's pulling the
- 15 permit for their project to recycle their construction and
- 16 demolition waste.
- 17 Now, somebody came into our office and asked a
- 18 very similar question slightly differently and said if
- 19 you've got all these facilities in the area and they all
- 20 recycle C&D, why do you charge us a deposit? And the
- 21 reason why we charge the deposit is because the deposit
- 22 drives the infrastructure. It drives the facilities to
- 23 recycle, to participate. Because if they don't want to
- 24 participate, they don't want to be certified by the City,
- 25 then those people that are paying deposits and want to get

- 1 their money back will have to take their materials to
- 2 another competitor of the facilities that didn't get
- 3 certified.
- 4 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Stephen, on the table
- 5 you're showing from your certified facilities there, I
- 6 think you're showing over 95 percent diversion of wood
- 7 waste. I was wondering if you can touch on where the wood
- 8 materials are going from the certified facilities.
- 9 MR. BANTILLO: Generally, they're going to two
- 10 different locations. Not specific locations, but streams.
- 11 The clean wood/clean material is coming out of the
- 12 facility. Some of it is being ground up and used as
- 13 mulch. The stuff that isn't as high quality is being used
- 14 as hog fuel generally. What's not being factored into
- 15 that or actually the other 5 percent is some of that
- 16 material is also being used as alternative daily cover
- 17 depending on how contaminated that is.
- 18 MR. LARSON: My question is to Mr. Ketcham. And
- 19 I was -- it sounds like you have a very impressive program
- 20 in the Navy. And I guess I was curious about other
- 21 branches of the military. And I guess my question is did
- 22 the Navy do this on its own, or was this a local
- 23 initiative? Or was this something from the Department of
- 24 Defense that would apply to all branches if you will?
- MR. KETCHAM: I'm a Navy representative. I only

1 work for the Navy. But I've been in quite a few military

- 2 seminars. Diversion from landfills is an effort across
- 3 the board. You know, it's included in BRAC closure plans
- 4 now. There was a Department of Defense measure I
- 5 mentioned in my program which is a 40 percent diversion
- 6 rate. I'm not sure where that number came from. But that
- 7 clause of complying with either the 40 percent diversion
- 8 rate or the State mandate, whichever is higher, is in
- 9 there.
- 10 MR. LARSON: So it would apply to all branches?
- MR. KETCHAM: Yes.
- 12 MR. HOROWITZ: Bob Horowitz, Office of Local
- 13 Assistance.
- 14 I want to talk about something -- Dr. Williams
- 15 touched on it briefly, the chicken and egg sort of
- 16 situation I think a lot of jurisdictions might find
- 17 themselves in. Sort of open it up to the rest of the
- 18 panel. What comes first if you have an ordinance but no
- 19 facilities? Is that ordinance sort of doomed to not be
- 20 enforceable, but can you get facilities you know if you
- 21 don't drive the materials there? So I'm just wondering
- 22 what you all think about what is the chicken and what's
- 23 the egg.
- 24 MR. VAN DORST: Let me take a stab at that. I
- 25 think San Jose is doing what is analogous to what

1 Sacramento City and County do where here locally. What

- 2 they did which drove the development of facilities was you
- 3 make recycling a certain percentage requirement or a
- 4 condition of a hauler permit. And the point is once you
- 5 do that, you create the collateral for people to go out
- 6 and develop facilities because they know the waste will
- 7 flow to their facilities. I think San Jose does something
- 8 analogous so that but in a different way. But that makes
- 9 sense.
- 10 And I've advocated doing the same down in my
- 11 area. I'm one little city. We have enough source
- 12 separate facilities where if you source separate your
- 13 material on site and you bring it to those facilities, we
- 14 have enough local facilities for people to get the
- 15 documentation. But I would support something more
- 16 regional. But again that requires cooperation of the
- 17 county and sometimes more than one county in terms of
- 18 those facilities. That's my first stab at it.
- 19 DR. WILLIAMS: I don't think the jurisdictions of
- 20 the state of California would have gone to anywhere near
- 21 the effort they have to achieve 50 percent diversion if it
- 22 weren't for AB 939 which required it. It's not going to
- 23 happen. People won't do it out of the goodness of their
- 24 heart, because of the I think illogical aspect of our
- 25 current system of capitalism wants to reduce costs no

- 1 matter what. And it's only a law which will drive
- 2 businesses to react to certain levels of excellence.
- 3 MR. KETCHAM: Let me take a crack at it. I'm not
- 4 a representative of San Diego, but I have sat through
- 5 laborious discussions about this issue. And their
- 6 decision was they can't put an ordinance in place if the
- 7 infrastructure is not there. Now, the military sat there
- 8 and said we're doing 80 percent without that
- 9 infrastructure, come on, city. So it's a huge debate in
- 10 some areas. And I can only tell you that the City of San
- 11 Diego decided they will not put the ordinance in place
- 12 until they had a mixed C&D facility on-line.
- 13 MR. BANTILLO: I think the regional approach is
- 14 one that will solve some of the infrastructure problems or
- 15 challenges. There are a number of cities around San Jose
- 16 that haven't implemented C&D problems I think primarily
- 17 because of either some of the political challenges as well
- 18 as a lack of infrastructure. But San Jose is close enough
- 19 that a lot of the cities are using San Jose's facilities
- 20 for C&D processing and a few of the cities have
- 21 implemented C&D programs and again use San Jose as a
- 22 certified facility list because it's there.
- I mean, you know, we talk about the chicken or
- 24 the egg. Basically, you come up with the ordinance and
- 25 you can phase things in to try to drive the infrastructure

1 to follow it. In our case, we had a good infrastructure.

- 2 We just wanted to change it. So we put the ordinance in
- 3 place. And of course we have an eight-page document of
- 4 rules and regulations about certified facilities and what
- 5 they're required to do. It's rules and regulations
- 6 promulgated by directory, meaning we can change these
- 7 things over time as we see fit to fine tune the system and
- 8 try to manipulate the infrastructure to try to capture
- 9 these materials that aren't being captured already. It's
- 10 different degrees of infrastructure. And you can work
- 11 with whatever you have as long as you're looking at
- 12 driving it with an ordinance or some other kind of
- 13 mandates if you want to call it that and moving things
- 14 forward.
- MR. EDGAR: Hey, Stephen. Evan Edgar here.
- 16 What's a key component of a certified facility
- 17 when it comes down? Is it land use? Is it Waste Board
- 18 permit? What makes it certified in its recycling rate?
- 19 MR. BANTILLO: What makes it certified is that it
- 20 gets 50 percent diversion or better of all the C&D
- 21 materials that are coming in or the C&D materials that it
- 22 says it's going to be recycling. So when you look at our
- 23 list of certified facilities, and there's brochures in the
- 24 back of the room, it's a list of the materials that they
- 25 say they accept. Now they might be accepting some other

1 materials they might not be certified for, and we don't

- 2 factor that into the calculation. But in order to get
- 3 certification, the litmus test is that you have to have
- 4 all the permit tests that you need, whether it's Air
- 5 Board, the Water Board, the Waste Board, and you know,
- 6 CUP, et cetera. And then of course the demonstrated
- 7 performance on 50 percent or better diversion.
- 8 MR. EDGAR: And the follow-up question would be
- 9 once somebody is certified in today's age with land use --
- 10 what I'm seeing out there is a lot of new C&D facilities
- 11 in today's age are trying to get sited. It's so tough
- 12 nowadays to do that. Had these facilities not been
- 13 certified in the past, what would your projection be new
- 14 facilities be certified in the future in today's
- 15 permitting structure?
- MR. BANTILLO: Again, I think that depends on the
- 17 type of processing operation that they've got that they're
- 18 proposing for that particular site. It is always it seems
- 19 a political process.
- 20 I did mention that some of our folks that we
- 21 awarded grants to were unable to make use of that money
- 22 primarily because of some of the land use issues and as
- 23 well as some of the personalities in our planning
- 24 department. There's been, you know, a long history of you
- 25 know some of this business between some of the operators

- 1 and what's been going on in planning, building, and code
- 2 enforcement. That's what it sounds like. And of course
- 3 you know one of the facilities is located on the boundary
- 4 of a neighboring city. The mayor of that city had also
- 5 contacted our planning department and said over my dead
- 6 body will you do that there, despite the operator already
- 7 having the ability to put that operation in place on the
- 8 original CEQA they had done on the project. So that's
- 9 particularly frustrating for them obviously and us as well
- 10 because we wanted to see a different operation there. So
- 11 right now they're moving a lot of material in, but they're
- 12 moving it off quickly and not doing a lot of processing on
- 13 site.
- 14 MR. POULSON: Because we're running short, we're
- 15 going to take one last question and take a ten-minute
- 16 break. If you have questions after this, you can see them
- 17 individually or we have some cards in the back and you can
- 18 e-mail us the questions and we'll make sure they get
- 19 answered.
- 20 MR. STAUB: Hi. I'm Dave Staub from the city of
- 21 Santa Clara. And this question is for Dr. Williams. You
- 22 had mentioned that San Diego County didn't have a disaster
- 23 debris plan prior to the county-wide fires. Have you
- 24 developed one since? And if so, what type of elements
- 25 does it contain?

1 DR. WILLIAMS: We are in the process actively

- 2 right now to do so. We have hired a contractor who has
- 3 very good experience in the North Ridge earthquake
- 4 disaster plan. One of the criteria are to have
- 5 preexisting contracts with haulers and processors so that
- 6 when a disaster happens you already know who your
- 7 contractors are. You don't have to go through a bid
- 8 process. These people are ready to go. They will know
- 9 where to take the materials. I'd be happy to send you our
- 10 outline of this.
- 11 MR. STAUB: Just one follow up to that. Is that
- 12 like for unincorporated San Diego, or does that encompass
- 13 everybody within San Diego County?
- 14 DR. WILLIAMS: It is our own jurisdictional
- 15 disaster plan. But we will be taking this to SANDAG
- 16 Technical Advisory Committee for educational purposes
- 17 hoping they also -- any jurisdictions that don't have this
- 18 will use ours as a model.
- 19 MR. POULSON: We're going to take a ten-minute
- 20 break and come back for the second panel.
- 21 (Thereupon a recess was taken.)
- 22 MS. EDWARDS: Welcome back. My name is Terri
- 23 Edwards. I'm with the Office of Local Assistance at the
- 24 Waste Board. And I've been with the Board for a little
- 25 over six years. So we'll just head right into the second

1 panel. And panel two is the panel for closing the loop on

- 2 C&D materials, an overview of expansion opportunities.
- 3 While it's good to recycle materials, the highest
- 4 level of resource management is to close the loop by
- 5 purchasing recycled content products. We have therefore
- 6 asked the four next panel of experts to share their
- 7 experience related to creating markets for C&D materials.
- 8 As with the first panel, please hold your questions until
- 9 the Q&A session after the last panelist speaks. Again for
- 10 those of you listening in on the web, you can send your
- 11 questions to my e-mail at tedwards@ciwmb.ca.gov.
- 12 Our first speaker is Raffy Kouyoumdjian for the
- 13 Recycling Market Development Zone, or RMDZ, section of the
- 14 Board. Raffy has been with the RMDZ Program since 1993 as
- 15 a zone liaison for local RMDZ jurisdictions. Raffy has
- 16 worked with both rural and urban RMDZs and has been the
- 17 liaison for several southern and central valley zones.
- 18 His current assignment covers the zones in Riverside, San
- 19 Bernardino, and San Diego areas. He has worked with
- 20 recycling based manufacturing businesses in construction
- 21 and demolition, tire, green waste, paper, plastic, and
- 22 glass industries and promoting the benefits of the RMDZ
- 23 Program. Raffy's economic development background at the
- 24 California International Trade and Commerce Agency and his
- 25 assignment at the Governor's Office of Permit Assistance

1 brings a unique perspective to the RMDZ Program and helps

- 2 to facilitate discussions with the business sector.
- 3 Raffy.
- 4 (Thereupon an overhead presentation was
- 5 presented as follows.)
- 6 MR. KOUYOUMDJIAN: Today's goal is to introduce
- 7 you to the RMDZ Program and its benefits and resources
- 8 available to recycling based manufacturing businesses.
- 9 Also I'm going to concentrate a little bit on
- 10 infrastructure and demolition businesses.
- 11 --000--
- 12 MR. KOUYOUMDJIAN: The reason for the RMDZ
- 13 Program: AB 939 in 1989 required that all California
- 14 jurisdictions divert 50 percent by 2000. And in order to
- 15 help local jurisdictions achieve those goals, the RMDZ
- 16 Program was established by the Legislature. Forty zones
- 17 were designated over a four-year cycle. And currently
- 18 after the ten-year cycle was over, only 33 renewed. So we
- 19 have seven vacancies. We're probably going to have
- 20 another cycle of designation next year.
- 21 The RMDZ Program was drafted to create markets
- 22 for recyclable materials through the manufacturing of
- 23 products. RMDZ helps put back into the economy the
- 24 resources that were saved. By creating local markets for
- 25 these recycled content products, the manufacturing

1 community reduces transportation costs and savings

- 2 resources, both environmental and economic.
- 3 --000--
- 4 MR. KOUYOUMDJIAN: Economic development and
- 5 recycling. Recent studies show that recycling puts more
- 6 dollars into the economy than disposal. Recycling a ton
- 7 of waste has twice the economic impact of burying it in
- 8 the ground producing more goods and services, generating
- 9 sales.
- 10 Two recent studies were commissioned by the Waste
- 11 Management Board: One by U.C. Berkeley and the other is a
- 12 study called the California Recycling Economic Information
- 13 Study to measure economic impact of recycling. I have
- 14 these studies available. I didn't put too many slides up
- 15 here regarding those. So if anybody wants to see those
- 16 studies or wants copies of them, please come to me later
- 17 and I'll get them out to you.
- 18 --000--
- 19 MR. KOUYOUMDJIAN: The purpose of RMDZ
- 20 partnerships is to encourage manufacturing from recycled
- 21 materials.
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- MR. KOUYOUMDJIAN: The RMDZ Program is a
- 24 partnership between the State, local government, and
- 25 businesses. This partnership benefits businesses in

- 1 communities by creating local markets for recyclables,
- 2 creating jobs, increasing the diversion of waste materials
- 3 from going to local landfills.
- 4 Loan programs overview. The RMDZ has a nice
- 5 incentive to offer loans to recycling manufacturing based
- 6 businesses provides direct low interest rate loans to
- 7 businesses. Current loan rate is five percent. It's tied
- 8 to the prime rate. It's every six months, once in June
- 9 and once in December I think, is when the rates are
- 10 established by the Board.
- 11 The business must be located in one of the 33
- 12 designated RMDZs. Eligible project must show diversion of
- 13 non-hazardous solid waste from California landfills.
- 14 Primary purpose of the loan is to assist recycling
- 15 businesses financially for start-up operations or
- 16 expansion projects that manufacture recycled content
- 17 product diverting recyclables from our landfills. The key
- 18 is that the business is creating a value added product
- 19 using a material that's being normally diverted into a
- 20 landfill.
- 21 --000--
- MR. KOUYOUMDJIAN: Targeted commodities:
- 23 Construction, demolition materials, organics, composting,
- 24 paper, plastics, wood, textiles, tires, electronic waste.
- 25 These are the types of recyclables in which we place a

1 major emphasis in keeping out of our landfills.

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- 3 MR. KOUYOUMDJIAN: RMDZ funds can be used for
- 4 machinery and equipment purchases, acquisition of
- 5 owner-occupied real property, maximum of a million
- 6 dollars, leasehold improvements, working capital,
- 7 refinancing of onerous debt if related to the project at
- 8 hand. Examples of ineligible uses of loan funds are R&D
- 9 research and development demonstration projects and
- 10 expenses related to hazardous waste.
- 11 --000--
- 12 MR. KOUYOUMDJIAN: Details about the loan
- 13 program. Type: Direct loans between the Board and the
- 14 business. Amount: Two million dollars is the maximum
- 15 that we will loan out on a project not exceeding 75
- 16 percent of a project's cost. Up to ten years for standard
- 17 loans. If there is real estate involved we can go to 15
- 18 years. Fixed rate from term of loan. \$300 at time of
- 19 application. Half a point due at time of loan funding.
- 20 Application processing takes approximately 60 to 120 days,
- 21 depending on the complexity of the project and how quickly
- 22 paperwork is turned around.
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- 24 MR. KOUYOUMDJIAN: Necessary permits must be
- 25 obtained before approval. Loan applications are processed

1 on a first come, first serve basis and those ready to

- 2 present to Loan Committee and the Board.
- 3 --000--
- 4 MR. KOUYOUMDJIAN: Do zone businesses get loans?
- 5 Answer is yes. We've done 135 loans. So far, over \$80
- 6 million has been put out. Ten million dollars in loans
- 7 this fiscal year. And \$19 million is -- about \$19 million
- 8 is available for next fiscal year. These figures are a
- 9 cumulative from the program's first loan in 1994.
- 10 --000--
- 11 MR. KOUYOUMDJIAN: As a result of these loans,
- 12 an estimated two million tons of materials are diverted
- 13 from landfill disposal each year.
- 14 --000--
- 15 MR. KOUYOUMDJIAN: Other services offered by
- 16 RMDZ. We help finding feedstock, help businesses market
- 17 their products, access to technical business expertise,
- 18 refer businesses to other types of financing and grants,
- 19 coordinate permits, connections with other government
- 20 agencies. An example is a recyclestore.com website,
- 21 recycled content products database, and trade shows that
- 22 we participate in.
- 23 As far as helping businesses with getting their
- 24 foot off the ground type thing, we coordinate with small
- 25 business development centers and those types of resources

- 1 that are available to businesses.
- 2 --000--
- 3 MR. KOUYOUMDJIAN: As far as construction and
- 4 demolition, there is a handout in the back that has a
- 5 listing of all the website links and what have you. But I
- 6 just listed one here the Board's database on
- 7 construction/demolition recyclers. The RMDZ Program has
- 8 assisted 86 C&D businesses since its inception, businesses
- 9 that have received loans. Of the above 86 businesses that
- 10 I mentioned, 22 received an RMDZ loan. Those that deal
- 11 with wood waste as feedstock are 46. Of those, nine
- 12 businesses received an RMDZ loan.
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- 14 MR. KOUYOUMDJIAN: Our mission. Our mission is
- 15 to benefit a business community while lessening its
- 16 environmental impact.
- 17 --000--
- 18 MR. KOUYOUMDJIAN: And information about the
- 19 program's website and myself. Thank you for your time.
- MS. EDWARDS: Thank you, Raffy.
- 21 Our next speaker is Glen Worthington, Manager of
- 22 Planning and Environmental Services for the Orange County
- 23 Great Park. Prior to this appointment, Glen spent five
- 24 years working on the City of Irvine planning efforts for
- 25 the former MCAS El Toro and was responsible for the

1 environmental impact assessment as well as planning and

- 2 zone documents. Glen began working for the City in 1993
- 3 as a planner in the community development department. He
- 4 has a Bachelor's degree from the United States Military
- 5 Academy at West Point and a Master's in environmental
- 6 studies from the California State University in Fullerton.
- 7 (Thereupon an overhead presentation was
- 8 presented as follows.)
- 9 MR. WORTHINGTON: Thank you very much. Good to
- 10 be here today. I thought I'd run through some slides and
- 11 talk about our program.
- 12 --000--
- 13 MR. WORTHINGTON: I just wanted to start by
- 14 showing you a typical morning at a C&D site. We usually
- 15 start with catered breakfast and coffee and bagels and
- 16 things like that.
- 17 Actually, this is a picture from the
- 18 groundbraking ceremony when we broke up the runways at El
- 19 Toro and began that process, which was a very big thing in
- 20 our community.
- 21 --000--
- 22 MR. WORTHINGTON: This is a picture, pretty
- 23 illegible, shows the overview of Marine Corps Air Station
- 24 at El Toro. Base was closed by the Navy, sold, purchased
- 25 by a consortium led by Lennar Communities called Heritage

1 Fields. We signed a development agreement with them and

- 2 they gave us a thousand acres of land. So the green is a
- 3 thousand acres of land roughly that we plan to build a
- 4 great park on. When I say we, I'm talking about the Great
- 5 Park Corporation. That's a corporation that has a
- 6 nine-member Board of Directors, and five of those members
- 7 are our City Council and the other four are independent
- 8 directors.
- 9 --000--
- 10 MR. WORTHINGTON: This is a picture of the
- 11 winning competition plan that we had. We embarked on an
- 12 international design competition for what we wanted to
- 13 have in this park. The winning plan includes canyons,
- 14 lakes, a cultural terrace, meadows, and a sports park.
- 15 You'll notice it doesn't have any runways on it.
- 16 --000--
- 17 MR. WORTHINGTON: Our Board adopted some
- 18 planning concepts for us to follow to move towards
- 19 creating this Great Park plan. There are four things --
- 20 five things listed here. This is all regarding the reuse
- 21 of materials on the site.
- 22 One was to use as much material on the site as
- 23 possible.
- 24 The other one is be sensitive to the impact on
- 25 local markets. That was very interesting to me, but there

1 are other C&D recyclers out there in the world. And they

- 2 made it known to our elected officials that they didn't
- 3 want to see the quantity of materials that would be
- 4 generated from a runway recycling project dumped on the
- 5 market. So we had to be sensitive to that.
- 6 The Board wanted us to minimize the impacts of
- 7 trucks in the community, seemed to make a lot of sense.
- 8 And wanted us to treat the contractor as a
- 9 partner instead of just another contractor that you'd
- 10 hire. So we had to establish and wanted to establish a
- 11 very good working relationship.
- 12 And finally, they asked us to be creative.
- 13 And for us to be creative ultimately meant we had
- 14 to create our own market.
- 15 --000--
- MR. WORTHINGTON: So this slide shows what we
- 17 have there. The green is our urban quarry. Those are
- 18 runways, taxiways, hangers, and some roadways. Our
- 19 estimate is we have 3.3 million tons of material there.
- 20 So we have a lot of recycling to do.
- 21 --000--
- 22 MR. WORTHINGTON: We've chosen to consider the
- 23 runways as a resource rather than a liability. So we are
- 24 going to use a concept that our contractor proposed to us,
- 25 concept called application engineering. I think the other

1 speakers here will know what I'm talking about there.

- 2 Typically, what we're trying to do is recycle
- 3 these materials in a way that creates value. So we're
- 4 going to tear up the runway which includes concrete,
- 5 asphalt, base material, and we're going to try to find an
- 6 opportunity to use that material on site, which means of
- 7 course we have to coordinate with Lennore, the major
- 8 builder. We have to coordinate with our city, our own
- 9 city regulatory agencies to be sure that we'll be able to
- 10 use that material.
- 11 And last but not least, we've learned through
- 12 experience -- some experience so far anyway -- more later
- 13 I'm sure -- that if we're going to say we're going to use
- 14 recycled materials, we have to demand that recycled
- 15 materials are included in the project design of all
- 16 development on the base. Because if we just say it, it
- 17 will never get speced and it will never get used.
- 18 --000--
- 19 MR. WORTHINGTON: So here's what we see
- 20 generally as the benefits of recycling on this base.
- 21 Reduction in truck traffic which I've also mentioned. A
- 22 reduction in material costs. Those in the construction
- 23 industry tell me that material's getting more and more
- 24 expensive. So to the extent that we can create materials
- 25 that are useful on the site and then truck them from one

1 side of the site to the other rather than from ten miles

- 2 or eight miles off the site, we're going to save on the
- 3 cost of those materials.
- 4 Also another component of construction is having
- 5 materials available. So by doing recycling on the site,
- 6 by putting a plant on the site, we believe we're going to
- 7 improve on having materials available when they're needed
- 8 for the contractor.
- 9 And then finally this is just a great sustainable
- 10 development opportunity. It's something our Board
- 11 believes in. And more than that, get a lot of great PR
- 12 out of having a great sustainable program.
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- 14 MR. WORTHINGTON: There are some issues related
- 15 to recycling. They were brought up by some other
- 16 speakers. But two that come to mind, air quality permits,
- 17 Regional Water Quality Control Board permits. If I had
- 18 any suggestion to the Integrated Waste Management Board,
- 19 I'd suggest you work with those other guys. Because we
- 20 walk in there fat, dumb, and happy saying we're doing this
- 21 great recycling program and they just whack us upside the
- 22 head with all kinds of permit requirements that may be
- 23 excessive or may not apply to a recycling program. So
- 24 there's an interesting dynamic program.
- The other one is the acceptance of materials with

1 other agencies. Our contractors says he's going to

- 2 make -- I don't know what these initials ASTM -- a certain
- 3 size of a crushed aggregate material that can be used in
- 4 road base, more importantly can be used in pipe bedding.
- 5 Can be used some of that material can be used as aggregate
- 6 in new concrete mixes. But doing all that stuff only
- 7 happens if somebody will accept those materials. And we
- 8 find that even in the local area we have a large water
- 9 district. They tend to like virgin material for pipe
- 10 bedding. So we have to work with them to prove to them
- 11 that we have a material that will be -- we can make
- 12 available that's just as good as virgin material.
- 13 So there's this acceptance of materials issue.
- 14 And one of the things we've learned over time is that when
- 15 you're doing a C&D operation, no matter how much you hope
- 16 you're going to have to be able to recycle, you do wind up
- 17 with some stuff that's not recyclable. So we have to
- 18 figure out how to handle that. And for us, one of our
- 19 challenges is we have to convince the folks who are
- 20 telling us to recycle that some things aren't recyclable.
- 21 So there's a challenge there. There's not a lot of that.
- 22 But on an old base underneath a runway, heaven only knows
- 23 what we're going to be able to find.
- 24 And then finally the last thing that tends to not
- 25 come up as an issue until one starts operations which is

1 that recycling operations are not pretty. They're noisy.

- 2 They're dusty. You do a lot of dust control. You manage
- 3 all those kinds of things, but it happens. It's great
- 4 fun. You know, guys love all the big equipment, you know,
- 5 banging on runways and things like that. It's great fun
- 6 to watch. But other folks don't like it in their
- 7 community.
- 8 And of course the result of banging on those
- 9 runways is you get a lot of rock. You put that rock in a
- 10 great big pile, and we take that big pile and we process
- 11 that rock to make smaller rocks, the rocks we can use.
- 12 There's lot of piles of lots of rocks and people find that
- 13 unsightly. So we want recycling, but we want it to be
- 14 pretty recycling. So there there's some challenges there.
- 15 We try to keep people educated. And of course we
- 16 have these artsy landscape architects who say they're
- 17 going to light the piles with pretty colors, and then we
- 18 might have people who want to keep the piles. So we got
- 19 all those issues to deal with.
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- 21 MR. WORTHINGTON: So finally, I just have a
- 22 couple slides. This is a breaker. And the next slide is
- 23 a breaker breaking concrete.
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- MR. WORTHINGTON: And the next slide is a

1 backhoe picking up a piece of concrete. So that's the

- 2 virgin material we're going to have on this site, 3.3
- 3 million tons of it. This is the --
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- 5 MR. WORTHINGTON: -- site as it looks today, an
- 6 aerial view, lots of runway. If you look carefully,
- 7 you'll see lots of RV storage. You see RVs. We see lease
- 8 revenue. We want to recycle runway, but we want to keep
- 9 some RV parking as long as we can. This is where it's
- 10 going to go.
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- 12 MR. WORTHINGTON: That's the site with the Great
- 13 Park on it. We're hoping to see that sooner rather than
- 14 later. So we're hoping within five years there will be a
- 15 good portion of that park developed.
- And thank you. I guess we're waiting until the
- 17 end for questions.
- MS. EDWARDS: Thank you, again.
- 19 Next is Jack Ezekian, Transportation Engineer for
- 20 the California Department of Transportation, or Caltrans,
- 21 in the headquarters division of Design Office of Resource
- 22 Conservation. He has been with the department for 18
- 23 years.
- 24 (Thereupon an overhead presentation was
- 25 presented as follows.)

1 MR. EZEKIAL: Hi. Thank you. It's nice to be

- 2 here.
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- 4 MR. EZEKIAL: Just a brief overview of what
- 5 Caltrans is, our mission and goals. Caltrans' mission is
- 6 to improve mobility across California. And the goals
- 7 there are the safety, mobility, and to continue on --
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- 9 MR. EZEKIAL: -- delivery, flexibility,
- 10 stewardship, which is to preserve and enhance California's
- 11 resources and investments.
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- 13 MR. EZEKIAL: So Caltrans is made up with twelve
- 14 different districts that are located throughout
- 15 California, and headquarters which is here in Sacramento.
- 16 Throughout the districts, the twelve districts, those are
- 17 all the design, the construction, and maintenance work
- 18 that's actually taking place. Here in headquarters is
- 19 mostly administrative specs and planning, along with some
- 20 reporting and management is done here at the headquarters
- 21 in Sacramento.
- 22 --000--
- 23 MR. EZEKIAL: Again, Caltrans is the largest
- 24 State agency consisting of approximately 21,000 employees.
- 25 And their mission is to help manage and maintain more than

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1 45,000 miles of California's highways.
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- 3 MR. EZEKIAL: I was able to get some photographs
- 4 are of some Caltrans facilities. I imagine this is down
- 5 in Los Angeles somewhere.
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- 7 MR. EZEKIAL: And there's certainly many miles of
- 8 this open roadway asphalt pavement.
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- 10 MR. EZEKIAL: Also some retaining walls, barrier
- 11 rails.
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- MR. EZEKIAL: Landscaping.
- 14 --00o--
- 15 MR. EZEKIAL: And here we have some maintenance
- 16 crews maintaining the highways.
- 17 --00o--
- MR. EZEKIAL: So as you've seen in those
- 19 pictures, most of the C&D debris that would be generated
- 20 from a typical Caltrans project would either consist of
- 21 some kind of concrete, asphalt, steel, or wood.
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- MR. EZEKIAL: Typically, Caltrans, as a good
- 24 steward of its resources, would try to incorporate the C&D
- 25 debris back into the same project whenever possible.

1 Certainly it's not always done. Can't always be done.

- 2 But one example of this is pavement pulverization.
- 3 --000--
- 4 MR. EZEKIAL: And this consists of recycling
- 5 existing pavement and using it for the base for the new
- 6 pavement that will be going over it. And I have some
- 7 photos here in just a second. So there's some really good
- 8 advantages to doing this. There's no hauling involved.
- 9 The recycling is taking place right there in place.
- 10 --00o--
- 11 MR. EZEKIAL: And we have some photos of that.
- 12 Milled pavement, the existing pavement blade and moisten
- 13 compact and then do an overlay on top of it. That's a
- 14 good example of some of the recycling that can be done in
- 15 place.
- 16 --000--
- 17 MR. EZEKIAL: This doesn't happen all the time.
- 18 We can't always do that. When C&D material is generated
- 19 from a construction project, it becomes the responsibility
- 20 of the contractor to dispose of it properly. So the
- 21 contractor has this material with the concrete or asphalt,
- 22 and they can either pay to dispose of it in a landfill or
- 23 reuse it as material in future projects. And typically
- 24 contractors don't take concrete to landfills all that
- 25 often. We've noticed that they use it back in future

1 project and Caltrans previously didn't track this. Once

- 2 it became the property of the contractors, it's their
- 3 responsibility to dispose of it. And Caltrans never
- 4 really tracked what the contractor was doing with it.
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- 6 MR. EZEKIAL: Now we're doing it. And I'll get
- 7 into that in just a little bit.
- 8 Our specifications do allow up to 50 percent
- 9 reclaimed asphalt concrete to be used in our base as base
- 10 material. And our standard provisions even allow up to
- 11 100 percent of this reclaimed material to be used as base
- 12 material. So that material that the contractor does take
- 13 can be crushed and reused on future projects for Caltrans
- 14 as long as it meets the certain gradation and
- 15 specification for that base material. We can allow up to
- 16 100 percent of reclaimed material to be used.
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- 18 MR. EZEKIAL: So for State agencies, there's a
- 19 State law, AB 75, which was passed in 1999 requiring all
- 20 State agencies to divert at least 50 percent of the waste
- 21 generated from entering landfills by 2004. In this law,
- 22 Caltrans is considered large State agency, so each of
- 23 those twelve districts need to submit a report annually
- 24 and meet the minimum requirements individually separate
- 25 from each of the other districts. So each year we turn in

1 basically 13 of these reports one for headquarters as

- 2 well.
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- 4 MR. EZEKIAL: Part of AB 75 allows for the
- 5 recycling of the C&D material. Like I mentioned before,
- 6 we had never really tracked what the contractor was doing
- 7 with it. So we needed to know what they were doing and
- 8 have them report back. We had to write a specification.
- 9 So Caltrans came up with this form. CEM 2025 is what we
- 10 call it. The contractor fills out this form once annually
- 11 and also at the end of each project, and then they send it
- 12 back to the district recycling coordinator who compiles it
- 13 and gets it into the AB 75 report.
- 14 Last year was the first year that we actually had
- 15 the specification in place for it to be out into all
- 16 construction projects. Prior to that, while we were
- 17 developing the specification, we were selecting one
- 18 construction project per district. We had to write a
- 19 change order and have the contractor report back what was
- 20 going on with that material on that particular project.
- 21 So we were able to get some information over the years
- 22 past and last year we got quite a bit more. But we're
- 23 still trying to smooth out that process. And being last
- 24 year was the first year, it went to all construction
- 25 projects.

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- 2 MR. EZEKIAL: And this is what the form looks
- 3 like. I'm not sure if you can read it all that well. But
- 4 the contractor fills it out puts in the type of material
- 5 that's being generated whether it was concrete, asphalt,
- 6 metal, the amount, where it was going to, and then signs
- 7 at the bottom of it. The resident engineer also signs off
- 8 on this report. But the contractor is the one who fills
- 9 it out and is certifying that what the information on
- 10 there is correct.
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- 12 MR. EZEKIAL: And here's a sample of one that was
- 13 submitted last year. So there are 300 tons of asphalt
- 14 that was taken to diverted from the landfill. Some
- 15 material is still taken to landfills, but a lot of it is
- 16 being diverted. I had one of those -- I saw one of those
- 17 that had 30,000 tons of concrete that was diverted from a
- 18 landfill just from one project. And at any time Caltrans
- 19 has, you know, hundreds and hundreds of projects going on
- 20 throughout the state.
- 21 So we are feeling that this is a good way to
- 22 capture what the contractor is doing with the material.
- 23 So as a result, we're able to see where it's going and can
- 24 account for it through this solid waste disposal and
- 25 recycling report.

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1 And actually that was my last slide.
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- MS. EDWARDS: Thank you, Jack.
- 3 Our last speaker will be Adam Barrows. Adam is
- 4 in his fourth year with Two Rivers Demolition,
- 5 Incorporated, and serves as the material recovery division
- 6 manager where he works to minimize the residual waste from
- 7 demolition activity. At the same time, Adam serves as the
- 8 general manager of Second Cycle, Incorporated, which is
- 9 Two Rivers' sister company. Adam's role with Second Cycle
- 10 is to develop, manage, and oversee the expansion of all
- 11 material recovery operations which encompass inert
- 12 material recycling and construction/demolition debris
- 13 recycling.
- 14 Adam is a graduate of Indiana University School
- 15 of Public and Environmental Affairs where he received a
- 16 Bachelor's of Science Degree in environmental management
- 17 with an emphasis on water resources.
- 18 Prior to joining Second Cycle and Two River
- 19 teams, Adam served as a GIS analyst with the Bureau of
- 20 Indian Affairs in Alaska as the environmental compliance
- 21 officer aboard the Emerald Star in the Gulf of Alaska.
- 22 (Thereupon an overhead presentation was
- 23 presented as follows.)
- 24 MR. BARROWS: Hello. I'm going to talk about a
- 25 lot here. I'm going to talk about demo jobs, recycling,

- 1 materials off the demo job, source separating of the
- 2 materials, their markets, finding their markets, as well
- 3 as markets for materials that are separated from
- 4 construction, material recovery operations.
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- 6 MR. BARROWS: Who we are? Two Rivers is your
- 7 one-stop demolition shop. We pretty much cover every
- 8 aspect of tearing down the building. We'll go to a mall
- 9 and do an interior gut of a department store, a small
- 10 store or even a large store. We demolish multi-floor
- 11 urban structures. We're a debris hauler. We're a
- 12 concrete recycler. We're a C&D debris processor that
- 13 provides environmental abatement services for led paint,
- 14 asbestos removal, mold remediation. And we're
- 15 consultants.
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- 17 MR. BARROWS: How we first look at a job? We
- 18 look at the material volumes. We look to see how much
- 19 metal is on the job, how much wood waste is on a job, how
- 20 much green waste and how much inert materials. Not only
- 21 does that help us figure out what we need to bid on the
- 22 job, but it also allows us to decide if we're going to
- 23 bring in a wood grinder to grind the wood on site and use
- 24 that -- either sell that as either a walk-on mulch product
- 25 or fuel to a cogen facility.

1 We look to see what the inert materials are, how

- 2 much concrete is there. Is there enough concrete where we
- 3 can transport in our own mobile crushing equipment to
- 4 process that material which we can sell directly on site
- 5 to the existing contractor who hired us to go back into
- 6 the future project on the site, or do we look for other
- 7 markets in the area, other projects going on and sell this
- 8 material to those contractors?
- 9 We also look for the salvagable items that are on
- 10 the job: HVAC equipment, electrical equipment, mechanical
- 11 equipment, HVAC equipment such as the cooling towers, the
- 12 chiller systems that cool large buildings. These all can
- 13 be potentially reused. So we look for those markets. We
- 14 track down companies that may be interested in purchasing
- 15 those from us, and often it works great. They will come
- 16 in. They will remove it, so it's not something we have to
- 17 remove. And they will take it away, properly handle all
- 18 the hazardous materials associated with those items.
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- 20 MR. BARROWS: Electrical items are easy:
- 21 Electrical breakers, switch gear, motor control systems.
- 22 Those essentially sell themselves. Very easy to get rid
- 23 of rather than just trashing it for the scrap materials.
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- MR. BARROWS: Architectural items. Sometimes we

- 1 find some architectural items that are worth salvaging.
- 2 Some old skylights are awful nice and can generate some
- 3 revenues, wood timbers.
- 4 We are a for-profit company. We're not one of
- 5 these dismantling reuse companies. But often we find
- 6 items that are of value that we will hang onto and market
- 7 those items.
- 8 Mechanical equipment; it's the same story with
- 9 mechanical equipment as it is with the HVAC equipment and
- 10 raised floors. Raised floors that come out of servers,
- 11 computer control rooms where all the wiring runs
- 12 underneath. These floor are made of wood, metal, tile,
- 13 multiple different things. It's generally something you
- 14 find yourself throwing directly into the garbage. Well,
- 15 they're highly reusable, except for the 20 percent of the
- 16 time when the tile is asbestos containing material and
- 17 it's too difficult to abate for resale.
- 18 Finding the right market for all these items.
- 19 The first thing that we do at Two Rivers and Second Cycle
- 20 is develop a list of buyers. We look in the back of
- 21 Demolition Magazine. We look in the newspapers. We look
- 22 in every periodical for every industry where these items
- 23 may be able to be reused. And we develop, you know, lists
- 24 of e-mails for each type of item. And often there's one
- 25 guy will end up buying a host of these and they market and

- 1 try to find the end user. But that's something in my
- 2 business where I don't have time to exactly find the end
- 3 user in every situation.
- 4 So what we do is we develop these lists, put it
- 5 to undisclosed recipients. You attach detailed photos and
- 6 you record the information such as catalogue number,
- 7 serial number, and send that out. And more than likely
- 8 before the week is over all those materials have a home
- 9 and somebody will pay for the truck to come get them and
- 10 they're taken directly off the job site.
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- 12 MR. BARROWS: Dimensional lumber. As I mentioned
- 13 with the architectural items, wood, timbers can be
- 14 re-engineered, remilled and are very valuable to be reused
- 15 in most construction projects.
- Rough sawn lumber. If we come to do a demolition
- 17 at a home that was built in the early 1900s where it
- 18 actually has the two-by-fours, not what we see nowadays,
- 19 but generally we save those because people look for those.
- 20 People have old homes. They want to restore them. And
- 21 they don't want to put new lumber in it, so we find the
- 22 old stuff. We hang onto it. It's very valuable to us as
- 23 it is to somebody trying to refurbish a home. Wood scrap
- 24 from construction activities. I'll touch on our
- 25 construction material recovery facility later.

1 But scrap from wood scrap from construction

- 2 activities is not nearly as beat up as it is from
- 3 demolition projects. Wood scrap is often, you know,
- 4 eight- to ten-foot long and can be bolted aside and sold
- 5 separately. And there's tons of homeowners wanting to
- 6 make home improvements. And this is something that can be
- 7 advised for free in Craig's list or a CalMAX or something
- 8 that turns very quickly. Not to mention that you can
- 9 reuse it for protecting building entryways or protecting
- 10 items that will be saved, packaging.
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- 12 MR. BARROWS: Items that come off of our previous
- 13 construction material recovery facility: Cardboard, which
- 14 is really one of the largest items that we had come
- 15 through our facility for all the packaging; plate glass
- 16 from windows; colored glass; film plastics; green waste;
- 17 scrap wood; concrete primarily from demolition activities
- 18 not necessarily spoils from new construction. These
- 19 materials are pretty self-explanatory, soffit stone.
- 20 They'll send trucks to pick up your cardboard. You know,
- 21 plate glass, colored glass, means recycling here does
- 22 great for us on both of those as long as they are
- 23 separated from each other. Americon Recovery in the Bay
- 24 Area will send trucks to pick up your bailed plastics and
- 25 generate a great deal of revenue for our company.

1 Scrap wood, you know, first we want to go for the

- 2 highest, best reuse, you know, pulling that out. If that
- 3 doesn't work, we'll go to a mulch product. If that
- 4 doesn't work, we'll cogen it. And that generates decent
- 5 money as well. Most of the cogen facilities in California
- 6 will send trucks to you at no charge. So you really just
- 7 have the labor, fuel, equipment cost getting the fuel
- 8 ground and in the truck.
- 9 --000--
- 10 MR. BARROWS: Issues with recycling on the job
- 11 site, volumes of materials. A lot of times there's not a
- 12 sufficient volume. If I'm doing a small job that's mainly
- 13 drywall and that drywall may be one percent asbestos
- 14 containing or if there's just a little bit of t-bar
- 15 ceiling and ceiling tiles, you know, if I don't have the
- 16 volume, I'm not going to source separate. It's all going
- 17 into one dumpster. And we generally self-haul, and that
- 18 material will end up going more than likely to Kiefer
- 19 Landfill. It has an a very inexpensive tipping fee for
- 20 us.
- 21 And once again, we are a for-profit company. And
- 22 when it's cheaper to dispose of it, we often have to, as
- 23 sad as that can be sometimes.
- 24 Storage of materials. Also recycling on the job
- 25 site, it's difficult to store materials. Sometimes you

- 1 only have 20 days to complete a job.
- 2 After this forum today, I will go up to
- 3 Marysville to where we're doing a demolition of a
- 4 Wal-Mart. We have 20 days to get it down and gone. We
- 5 don't have time to bring in concrete crushers on site to
- 6 recycle that. And we have quite a haul to dump those
- 7 materials. However, in this case I just got word today we
- 8 were able to lease a piece of land around the corner short
- 9 term from this job site in Marysville where we will take
- 10 that material and we will crush it and sell it to the
- 11 local markets.
- 12 So I mean, these are things we work hard on
- 13 doing. I don't want to sound like we just want to take it
- 14 to the landfill. It's the cheapest thing. We really work
- 15 hard on making this right so we can reuse it. And it does
- 16 generate revenue for it.
- 17 So time line and storage of materials are huge as
- 18 well as fuel and labor costs. It's a lot of labor to
- 19 source separate, and it's a lot of fuel to be sending
- 20 loads of materials to different areas of town. So
- 21 definitely some of the issues we have.
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- 23 MR. BARROWS: This is a picture of a job we're
- 24 not quite finished. We got some water on the ground.
- 25 There's a lot less in this photo left now. This was the

- 1 old Union Newspaper building just around the corner
- 2 between 3rd and 4th on Capital. And this was a building
- 3 where we recycled 99.6 percent I think almost exactly.
- 4 Almost everything was handled by us on site. We source
- 5 separated alters, the glass from the windows, the aluminum
- 6 window frames. I think we had 36,000 tons of concrete
- 7 that we recycled and sold off of the job site over a
- 8 20-day period. We had almost 1500 tons of rebar come off
- 9 this job.
- 10 And I was talking earlier about the highest best
- 11 reuse. The trees that were on the job site we first
- 12 looked at can we reuse these trees for any of our own
- 13 applications. We just had a demo job in Lincoln where all
- 14 the trees, all the landscaping we yanked up, and now we're
- 15 going to put that in our new recycling center we're
- 16 putting together in Lincoln. That's what we first tried
- 17 to do with the trees.
- 18 The second thing we tried to do was we contacted
- 19 lumber mills to see if we could get these turned into
- 20 lumber. That didn't work. We didn't have enough time to
- 21 get any sort of a mulch product made. So the majority of
- 22 the green waste was ground and sent to cogen.
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- 24 MR. BARROWS: This was our material recovery
- 25 facility for the Del Webb development, Sun City in Lincoln

- 1 Hills. It's a 6500 or 7,000 home development. And this
- 2 was kind of a nice deal because we weren't subject to CDI
- 3 permitting since all the material was on site. It was
- 4 processed on site before it left the site. So we only
- 5 required a conditional use permit from the City of
- 6 Lincoln.
- 7 For this, we bought in over 40 dumpsters to
- 8 provide for the development. And they were releasing
- 9 between 20 and 25 per week and 20 and 25 homes per week
- 10 were finished or beginning at any point in time. We were
- 11 very busy here. We purchased our sort line, and all this
- 12 equipment is the same equipment that processed the World
- 13 Trade Center debris. This is directly purchased from
- 14 Taylor Recycling. All the material would go across this.
- 15 Now construction material, construction waste is
- 16 light. It's not like demo waste where demo waste unless
- 17 it's source separated on the job site, it's so compact
- 18 it's hard to deal anything with. It's processed down.
- 19 It's so small to be crammed in trucks. So it's nice when
- 20 you deal with construction waste. It pretty much falls
- 21 apart. It's something that can be very easily done with
- 22 manual labor. And this we did close to I think almost
- 23 like 300 tons of cardboard per month, 400 tons of lumber
- 24 per month, just about a thousand tons a month. The
- 25 material was processed through here, and on average we got

1 85 percent or greater on materials. And this project is

- 2 no longer and we're just finishing up the last few homes
- 3 now.
- 4 We tried to get this. Del Webb along with three
- 5 other contractors are doing a similar development in the
- 6 Roseville area. Unfortunately, something like this was
- 7 not pushed there. And we could not compete even as a
- 8 debris hauler with the contractor who was awarded the
- 9 project due to flow control. The high tipping fees at the
- 10 Western Regional Landfill a lot of contractors attribute
- 11 following flow control. They're making up their own rules
- 12 thinking they are contractors themselves and it's
- 13 self-haul when they're hauling. So a lot of material is
- 14 going to Kiefer Landfill for a very low price, and it
- 15 doesn't make us competitive to do projects like this which
- 16 is definitely sad because you know this project alone in
- 17 partnership with the city of Lincoln really raised their
- 18 diversion rate I think upwards of almost 70 percent.
- 19 --000--
- 20 MR. BARROWS: This just shows this is less than
- 21 just one month's worth of cardboard off of a construction
- 22 site. It's amazing how many things are packaged in
- 23 cardboard for construction. Everything from nails,
- 24 screws, strapping. This is less than one month.
- 25 --000--

1 MR. BARROWS: These are all the plastics, all the

- 2 CRV off a construction job. Kind of blows your mind all
- 3 this generated. I mean, you can see it looks like some
- 4 Tide bottles, milk jugs, everything like that. Imagine a
- 5 lot of that is coming from these laborers' homes. But
- 6 also think about a job site this big where you have 2,000
- 7 laborers a day. And in the hot summer, think about the
- 8 CRV if they just each drank one bottle of water, one soda
- 9 a day. That's 2,000 beverage containers per day from a
- 10 job site coming into our facility.
- 11 --000--
- 12 MR. BARROWS: And you should have seen how many
- 13 beer bottles would show up. That's kind of odd. I think
- 14 probably some of you have stopped by and seen them before.
- 15 You get a ten-yard dumpster a day of beer bottles coming
- 16 out of the back of everybody's trucks. You can see this
- 17 is a good example of how light the wood waste was and how
- 18 dimensional it is compared to demolition wood waste that
- 19 is just pulverized beyond belief. This is easily managed
- 20 in such a clean product that you can really do a lot with
- 21 it. You can put it through wood grinders with the dry
- 22 package and make clean nice mulch.
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- 24 MR. BARROWS: This shows our waste pile where you
- 25 can really see how much cardboard is in it and how light

1 it is. It's non-compacted like demolition debris. This

- 2 allowed us to reach the extremely high diversion rate we
- 3 did see.
- 4 --000--
- 5 MR. BARROWS: This is a photo of an electrical
- 6 substation off of a demo job we did about I think a year
- 7 and a half ago. And this was a nice case where there was
- 8 no PCB containing oils in it. And we contacted DoveBid.
- 9 Because this was such a large item, it's kind of hard for
- 10 us to sell that for reuse in the state of California or in
- 11 the western states. So we contacted DoveBid, and they
- 12 helped us match with a buyer overseas that will reuse this
- 13 equipment.
- 14 --000--
- MR. BARROWS: And just the last slide in
- 16 closing -- in 2003, Demolition and Recycling International
- 17 ranked us the number 90th international for demolition and
- 18 recycling company. And then 2003-2004, we were number 88.
- 19 And 2005, we just found out we were the 81st largest in
- 20 the world. So we're growing. And we are beginning to
- 21 view problems, not like expanding the existing mouse trap
- 22 to catch the one or two percent more diversion, but we're
- 23 looking at the residual to see how we reduce that and help
- 24 tighten the loop and close that even more.
- That's all I have. Thank you.

- 1 MS. EDWARDS: Thank you, Adam.
- 2 Now that everyone on the panel has had a chance
- 3 to speak, we'll start the Q and A session. I just wanted
- 4 to let you know before we get started before the break we
- 5 had 44 hits from the people in webland. So thank you for
- 6 listening in in webland.
- 7 Do we have any questions from the internet? No.
- 8 Okay. So I'll turn it over to our mike runners.
- 9 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Mr. Ezekial, you indicated
- 10 that you had a tracking that you put the tracking system
- 11 in place to try to quantify the numbers beginning in 2005,
- 12 was it?
- 13 MR. EZEKIAL: Beginning in 2005, that tracking
- 14 mechanism, that form we had developed and the
- 15 specification went out to all construction projects in
- 16 2005.
- 17 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Do you have any aggregate
- 18 data from 2005 that you could share with us in terms of
- 19 you know percentages of materials recycled or total
- 20 tonnages, number one?
- 21 And number two, I couldn't really read the
- 22 details on the form. But I was just curious whether or
- 23 not in terms of calculating tonnages what sort of -- do
- 24 you have sort of a standardized assumption in terms of
- 25 weight per cubic foot of the materials to calculate? I

1 mean, if you're pulling up -- you know, well, I think you

- 2 get the gist of what I'm asking you. If not, I can
- 3 elaborate.
- 4 MR. EZEKIAL: The form was kind of hard to read.
- 5 To get to your first question, the numbers for 2005 have
- 6 been submitted to the Waste Management Board for approval
- 7 for the AB 75 report. So I don't have figures yet for
- 8 that.
- 9 Contractors were not familiar with the forms.
- 10 Some of the REs were not familiar as to how to implement
- 11 it and what to do with it. So we have hundreds of
- 12 construction projects that were out there, and they were
- 13 getting a handful of these forms. So this next year we're
- 14 going to try to go out and be more proactive in helping
- 15 the resident engineers out in construction. So I think
- 16 this year we'll be getting more of these forms in. We'll
- 17 be able to get a better number.
- 18 While we're developing this specification, like I
- 19 said, we were still using the form, but it was just going
- 20 out to one construction project per district. And from
- 21 looking at those, one construction project would generate
- 22 a lot of waste debris that was being diverted from the
- 23 landfill. So the system is working. We're just trying to
- 24 get a little bit fine tuning it a bit.
- 25 So far the contractor fills it out in either tons

1 or cubic feet. I'm sorry. It was in metric and now we're

- 2 changing it over to standard because Caltrans is switching
- 3 over. But if it's not in tons, it will be in cubic yards
- 4 or cubic meters. And in the Integrated Waste Management
- 5 website for AB 75, there are some conversion tables we
- 6 would use for concrete and asphalt to convert from volume
- 7 to tons.
- 8 BOARD ADVISOR BLUE: This is a question for
- 9 Mr. Barrow. You mentioned that you use CalMAX regularly
- 10 as well as some other material exchange programs. And I
- 11 wondered what you thought of the scope of CalMAX as it
- 12 applies to your business and whether or not you thought it
- 13 needed to be expanded in any way or if it suits your needs
- 14 as it stands.
- 15 MR. BARROWS: I've put a few things on CalMAX,
- 16 large industrial lights, that sort of stuff that I've had
- 17 extreme surplus of. CalMAX has kind of turned into Ebay.
- 18 It's not really a free exchange anymore, at least from
- 19 what I've read recently. A lot of it seems like there's
- 20 prices put next to stuff or if you contact that person
- 21 there's a price associated with the item they're giving.
- 22 Craig's List, hundred times better. Craig's List, you put
- 23 it on there and you have 50 E-mails by the end of the day
- 24 no matter what it is. Free.
- COMMITTEE MEMBER WIGGINS: Mr. Barrows, what are

- 1 the rivers in the Two Rivers?
- 2 MR. BARROWS: Sacramento and American.
- 3 MR. EDGAR: I have a question for Caltrans. I
- 4 like your tracking generation side of construction
- 5 projects. Another key component is a procurement of
- 6 buying recycled materials from off site, like buying
- 7 mulches and buying compost and buying base rock from other
- 8 sources. Is Caltrans keeping track of any level of
- 9 procurement of use of recycled product from off site
- 10 sources?
- 11 MR. EZEKIAL: Certainly, there's the SABRAC
- 12 report which tracks that purchasing of recycled products.
- 13 But again, like for a construction project where you're
- 14 using recycled aggregate base for -- or reclaimed material
- 15 for a base material, we again allow it. We allow the
- 16 contractor to use 50 percent, even up to 100 percent. As
- 17 long as it meets our gradation, we don't track it. We
- 18 don't require them to submit us any documentation as to
- 19 where this material is coming from.
- 20 MR. EDGAR: That's important on the RAC policy.
- 21 That's great Caltrans tracks that, because the legislation
- 22 is moving that issue forward. Recently, I've been
- 23 sponsoring legislation on using base rock as well as
- 24 mulches and compost for the last five years to try to get
- 25 information from Caltrans on use of recycled product and

- 1 there have been no tracking at all. So that would be
- 2 great if you guys would expand your tracking system to do
- 3 procurement as well in order to create public policy.
- 4 Because I produce -- my membership produces base rock and
- 5 mulches from off-site sources. And when we try to work
- 6 with Caltrans on that, they don't have a clue how much is
- 7 being used in order to promote a good public policy on
- 8 procurement.
- 9 MR. EZEKIAL: I think you were saying mulch,
- 10 right? I think that is tracked on the SABRAC report. I
- 11 can try to get that to you.
- 12 MR. DICK: Hi, Mr. Ezekial. My name is Greq
- 13 Dick. I work with the Board's C&D/Green Building Program.
- 14 And I saw that you had these specifications for CMB up
- 15 there, but can you tell me if Caltrans has a spec for
- 16 asphalt shingles into the asphalt mix?
- 17 MR. EZEKIAL: I don't believe that is allowed at
- 18 this time to use the asphalt singles into our asphalt
- 19 pavement. Some specifications, not for Caltrans, but it
- 20 is allowed like for parking lot use and other things. But
- 21 when it's on a freeway with the high truck volume and
- 22 traffic volumes, so far from tests what I've heard we're
- 23 showing it wasn't working.
- 24 MR. DICK: Because I've seen a number of states
- 25 are moving that direction. Even Texas is starting to use

- 1 recycled asphalt shingles. And I would like to see
- 2 Caltrans move that direction as well and see if we can
- 3 figure out a way to make that happen.
- 4 MR. EZEKIAL: Okay. I know who we can ask on
- 5 that.
- 6 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hi. For Adam Barrows. We
- 7 are wondering how many homes did you say the development
- 8 was, Del Webb?
- 9 MR. BARROWS: Approximately 6500.
- 10 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: And did you manage it like
- 11 the construction debris that was all just hauling --
- 12 MR. BARROWS: Yeah. It was construction --
- 13 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: So you don't do
- 14 construction. You were just handling the material from
- 15 it?
- MR. BARROWS: Yeah. Correct. We were
- 17 handling -- I mean, there are numerous contractors out
- 18 there, three plumbing contractors managing at any given
- 19 time. So we were the waste hauler. We had become a
- 20 franchise hauler for the city of Lincoln. And we owned
- 21 and operated a material recovery facility. So even on the
- 22 waste that we were hauling from those homes and the short
- 23 distance into our facility and we were hauling to the
- 24 landfill we had to pay franchise fees on it.
- 25 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you.

1 MS. CARDOZO: Glenn, I have a question for you.

- 2 Did I hear you say that the City of Irvine the City
- 3 Council was supportive of your efforts in requiring that
- 4 diversion to be built into the plans for the design of the
- 5 Great Park?
- 6 MR. WORTHINGTON: You're correct. The City
- 7 Council does support that effort on the base.
- 8 MS. CARDOZO: Can you speculate why -- I've
- 9 heard a lot of times City Councils are not supportive of
- 10 those kinds of requirements of diversion. Can you
- 11 speculate why maybe they were in this place?
- 12 MR. WORTHINTON: It's tough always to speculate
- 13 on why elected officials choose to do anything. But in
- 14 this particular case, you know, there's kind of a back
- 15 story here. Our agreement with the recycler who's going
- 16 to do the runway recycling a little more elaborate than
- 17 this, but simply stated is they're tearing up all that
- 18 material for free for us. But then they own the material
- 19 and then we have to buy it back from them at market minus,
- 20 and obviously we're still negotiating what market minus
- 21 means.
- 22 But the one key component I think in that
- 23 decision was that we were able to find -- actually we went
- 24 through an RFQ, RFP process and we found not just one by
- 25 five different recycling firms who said to us they could

1 pick up all that material for free. We have to give them

- 2 a 60 acre recycling yard and we have to give them some
- 3 things to do that. But essentially we're getting the
- 4 removal for free. And I think that was one of the things
- 5 that made the Council think it was a good idea to push
- 6 forward with doing recycling.
- 7 MS. EDWARDS: Are there any other questions?
- 8 Okay. Then we'll go ahead and wrap up.
- 9 And I wanted to let you know first, as we've done
- 10 with previous workshops, we'll be posting the presentation
- 11 on the website. We're doing a DVD, so that will be
- 12 available, as well as an audio tape of today's forum.
- 13 If you have additional questions on these topics,
- 14 you can always address them to myself or Zane Poulson. If
- 15 they're local government questions, Zane Poulson and Maria
- 16 Kakutani. For industry related questions, Clark William.
- 17 And these are CIWMB staff and RMDZ related questions,
- 18 there's a link to the zone administrators for that
- 19 program. And for the speakers today, we'll be contacting
- 20 them and getting their blessing to provide their contact
- 21 to you along with all the resources we collect from
- 22 today's forum.
- 23 So to conclude I'd like to thank you all for
- 24 attending -- oh, sorry about that. I gave the general
- 25 number. Sorry. So that's 6488 for Clark. Thank you,

1 Clark. And thank you, all of you, for attending. And a big thank you for both of our panels, all the panelists. It was valuable information that I'm sure will be useful to everybody. And thanks for making it a great success. (Thereupon the California Integrated Waste Management Board, Construction and Demolition Forum adjourned at 1:00 p.m.) 

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